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AUDITOR'S REPORT,

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF TOPSFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 28th,

1899.

TOPSFIELD:
A. T. MERRILL, PRINTER, MAIN STREET.
1899.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1898-9.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM PERKINS.

Town Treasurer.

W. PITMAN GOULD.

Selectmen.

B. P. PIKE, GEO. FRS. DOW, W. DONALDSON.

Assessors.

S. D. HOOD, J. H. TOWNE, J. B. POOR.

Overseers of the Poor.

G. F. AVERELL, J. H. POTTER, J. A. BLAISDELL.

School Committee.

GEO. FRS. DOW, 1901,
J. B. POOR, 1900,
FRANCIS A. POOLE, 1899,
W. DONALDSON, 1901,
T. L. JENKINS, 1900,
B. P. EDWARDS, 1899.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births recorded, 10; Males, 8; Females, 2.
Marriage Certificates issued, 8.
Marriages recorded, 7.
Deaths in Town, 15.
Deaths in other Towns, Interment in Topsfield, 9.
Number of Dogs Licensed, 80; Males, 76; Females, 4.

BIRTHS.

1898.		
Jan.	31.	Harold, son to Frank E. and Julia A. Gould.
Jan	31.	Son to Luther A. and Nettie Peabody.
April	14.	Robert Whitaker, son to Charles H. and Mary E Lake.
April	16.	Charles Lester, son to Charles L. and Elizabeth G. Barnard.
April	20.	James William, son to Hazen R. and Mary E. Wildes.
May	27.	Mabel Prudence, daughter to Fred. E. and Hattie E. Watson.
July	19.	Fred. Burton, son to Charles F. and Emma Welch
Sept.	16.	Robert Isaac, son to Edward B. and Bessie C. Woodbury.
Dec.	2.	Keith Percy, son to Fred. P. and Grace M. Smerage.
Dec.	21.	Victoria Mellish, daughter to John R. and Bertha E. A. MacCormack.

MARRIAGES.

1898.		
Jan.	20.	Samuel M. Hill, of Wenham, to Florence L. Wildes, of Topsfield.
July	6.	Robert Fader, to Georgie D. White, both of Topsfield.
Sept.	1.	Gilbert S. Mason, of Topsfield, to Jennie McMeekin, of Central Falls, R. I.
Sept.	4.	Augustus Todd, of Topsfield, to Ella M. Healy, of Ipswich.
Oct.	26.	Thomas E. O. Daley, of Boston, to Esther J. Towne, of Topsfield.
Dec.	14.	Ira P. Long, to Laura A. Cummings, both of Topsfield.
Dec.	14.	George E. Hatch, of Newburyport, to Erminia I. Hobson, of Topsfield.

DEATHS.

1898.			Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	20.	Hannah A. Lake,	83	3	0
Jan.	26.	Ephriam Averill,	84	10	26
Jan.	31.	Infant of Luther Peabody	0	0	0
Feb.	3.	Harold Gould,	0	0	3
March	27.	Elizabeth W. Perkins,	80	10	24
April	7.	Henry G. Gilman,	70	8	7
April	10.	Lavinia L. Barnard,	53	9	17
June	4.	Louisa Deickhoff,	21	0	0
Sept.	8.	Anna E. Hood,	27	9	7
Oct.	12.	Emma Lewis,	17	2	16
Nov.	19.	Lucy H. Herrick,	74	10	9
Nov.	19.	Mary A. Kirk,	27	4	22
Nov.	24.	Fred. B. Welch,	0	4	5
Dec.	18.	Harriet J. Emerson,	55	8	0
Dec.	29.	Mary P. Clark,	80	3	3

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

1898.				Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	8.	Mehitabel F. Adams,	Reading,	83	9	9
Jan.	12.	Nathaniel Gould,	Boston,	—	—	—
March	14.	Abigail Bixby,	Malden,	85	3	0
April	4.	W. R. Hutchinson,	Georgetown,	78	1	12
May	16.	Susie J. Perley,	Boston,	35	0	0
July	6.	Lydia Potter,	Lynn,	64	5	5
Aug.	9.	Charles L. Gunnison,	Beverly,	28	7	6
Sept.	12.	Mary W. Hoyt,	North Waterboro, Me.,	76	6	12
Sept.	23	Harry F. Welch,	West Newbury	0	5	0

WILLIAM PERKINS, *Town Clerk.*

ASSESSORS REPORT.

Number of Polls,	273
Tax on each Poll,	$2.00
Value of Personal Estate,	$274,100.00
Value of Buildings,	$292,335.00
Value of Land,	$211,145.00
Total Valuation,	$777,580.00
Total Tax,	$11,432.12
Rate per $1,000,	$14.00
Number of Horses,	244
" Cows,	545
" Neat Cattle,	87
" Swine,	61
" Fowls,	2,880
" Dwelling Houses,	232
" Acres of Land,	7,255
" Tax Payers,	435
" Tax Payers on Property,	344
" Tax Payers, Poll only,	91

J. B. POOR,
J. H. TOWNE,
S. D. HOOD.
Assessors of Topsfield.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

Registered Voters, Nov. 8, 1898, 241

WILLIAM PERKINS, *Town Clerk.*

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATION, $3,000.00.

HIGH SCHOOL.

R. E. Mooar, teaching 21 weeks,	$420 00	
L. O. Glover, teaching 20 weeks,	350 00	
Mary E. Barnes, teaching 23 weeks,	207 00	
Mrs. L. O. Glover, teaching 20 weeks,	180 00	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., Supplies,	7 82	
R. E. Mooar, 8 examinations,	3 00	
		$1,167 82

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Metta D. Bradstreet, teaching 21 weeks,	$210 00	
Alice M. Packard, teaching 19 weeks,	190 00	
Lizzie A. Poore, teaching 33 weeks,	297 00	
Genie C. Fuller, teaching 37 weeks,	296 00	
Genie C. Fuller, teaching music 37 weeks,	111 00	
W. Donaldson, transportation of scholars,	185 00	
L. A. Rust, transportation of scholars,	185 00	
C. W. Floyd, janitor,	107 50	
C. W. Floyd, setting glass and repairing heater,	3 20	
		$1,584 70
Amount carried forward,		$2,752 52

Amount brought forward,		$2,752 52

MISCELLANEOUS.

F. A. Poole, School Committee,	$50 00	
B. P. Edwards, School Committee,	10 00	
B. P. Edwards, Secretary School Committee,	5 00	
J. B. Poor, School Committee,	10 00	
J. B. Poor, supply, School Committee,	5 00	
W. Donaldson, School Committee,	10 00	
W. Donaldson, School Census,	10 00	
T. L. Jenkins, School Committee,	10 00	
G. F. Dow, School Committee,	10 00	
Woodbury & Co., coal,	78 45	
A. T. Merrill, printing School Reports,	3 50	
A. T. Merrill, printing Graduating Programs,	13 25	
W. Donaldson, at State House on School Bill,	5 00	
B. P. Edwards, at State House on School Bill,	5 00	
F. A. Poole, at State House on School Bill,	2 50	
G. F. Dow, at State House on School Bill,	5 00	
J. B. Poor, at State House on School Bill,	2 50	
H. P. Moulton, at State House on School Bill,	52 75	
Beale Press, printing Diplomas,	2 10	
J. B. Poor, repairs and supplies,	32 12	
J. M. Rickard, tuning organ,	7 00	
E. F. Craig, mason work,	15 87	
G. F. King & Co., flag,	6 25	
W. A. Long, carriage,	2 50	
A. A. Conant, gravel,	1 50	
M. Collins, labor,	3 84	
H. H. Roberts, labor and stock,	77 71	
A. B. Richardson, labor and stock,	5 10	
		441 94
Amount carried forward,		$3,194 46

Amount brought forward,	$3,194 46

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	142 91	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	6 00	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	12 86	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	2 21	
Am. Book Co.,	32 20	
Ginn & Co.,	39 32	
Ziegler Electric Co.,	22 26	
B. P. Edwards,	3 60	
		$261 36
		$3,455 82

HIGHWAYS.

APPROPRIATION, $1,500.00.

WARD 1.

F. Hodgdon, *Surveyor.*

F. Hodgdon,	labor,		$30 94	
F. E. Gould,	"		5 10	
F. P. Smerage,	"		34 40	
C. W. Floyd,	"		7 65	
F. E. Watson,	"		7 65	
C. A. Tibbetts,	"		12 75	
A. F. Day,	"		7 65	
A. Welch,	"		8 65	
I. M. Woodbury,	"		21 15	
John Welch,	"		3 40	
S. R. Burnham,	"		3 40	
M. Collins,	"		51 49	
G. Curtis,	"		3 40	
F. Smerage,	"		9 40	
A. L. Hodgdon,	"		68	
A. F. Day,	"	1897-8,	68	
				$208 39

BRIDGES.

F. Hodgdon,	labor,	$1 70	
			$1 70

GRAVEL.

A. A. Towne,	$6 60	
		$6 60
Amount carried forward,		$216 69

Amount brought forward, $216 69

REMOVING SNOW.

O. Taylor,	labor,	1897-8,	$3 50	
H. Taylor,	"	"	2 10	
E. P. Averill,	"	"	3 80	
C. Winslow,	"	"	2 00	
A. F. Day,	"	"	11 40	
L. A. Peabody,	"	"	40	
F. E. Gould,	"	"	80	
A. F. Welch,	"	"	1 40	
A. L. Hodgdon,	"	"	11 60	
A. E. Kneeland,	"	"	5 20	
W. H. Kneeland,	"	"	4 00	
F. E. Watson,	"	"	8 00	
C. W. Floyd,	"	"	9 60	
J. Means,	"	"	1 80	
W. C. Clifford,	"	"	16 40	
C. Watson,	"	"	2 00	
A. Welch,	"	"	12 00	
M. Collins,	"	"	4 80	
A. H. Todd,	"	"	1 30	
R. Collins,	"	"	1 60	
I. B. Lane,	"	"	1 20	
I. M. Woodbury,	"	"	19 60	
H. P. Woodbury,	"	"	6 50	
J. R. MacCormack,	"	"	1 40	
A. E. Kneeland,	"	1898-9	1 50	
F. Hodgdon,	"	"	14 00	
J. R. MacCormack,	"	"	3 60	
B. Lane,	"	"	1 60	
F. P. Smerage,	"	"	5 00	
A. H. Todd,	"	"	3 70	
C. L. Dame,	"	"	1 40	
A. Welch,	"	"	3 30	
O. Taylor,	"	"	1 50	$168 00

Amount carried forward, $384 69

Amount brought forward,				$384 69
H. Long,	labor,	1898-9,	3 50	
M. Collins,	"	"	9 30	
C. A. Tibbetts,	"	"	2 40	
C. W. Floyd,	"	"	4 60	
A. L. Gould,	"	"	1 60	
A. P. Gould,	"	"	1 40	
H. P. Woodbury,	"	"	1 80	
D. Fuller,	"	"	1 60	
A. L. Hodgdon,	"	"	8 00	
L. A. Peabody,	"	"	60	
E. E. Smith,	"	"	1 80	
E. E. Ferguson,	"	"	4 20	
				$40 80
				$425 49

WARD 2.

W. B. Taylor, *Surveyor.*

A. F. Day,	labor,	$3 23	
F. E. Watson,	"	14 45	
F. P. Smerage,	"	18 80	
C. F. Welch,	"	14 40	
J. Welch,	"	6 80	
F. Smerage,	"	17 10	
G. P. Dow,	"	6 80	
J. N. McPhee,	"	6 80	
G. Curtis,	"	5 10	
C. H. Lake,	"	6 40	
C. J. Peabody,	"	9 40	
H. M. Andrews,	"	14 10	
W. B. Taylor,	"	28 05	
M. Collins,	"	35 13	
H. R. White,	"	3 40	
Amount carried forward,			$189 96

Amount brought forward,			$189 96	
F. E. Gould,	labor,		3 40	
I. M. Woodbury,	"		4 70	
A. Andrews,	"		3 40	
F. W. Rust,	"		20 68	
W. P. Walsh,	"		9 40	
W. H. Walsh,	"		1 70	
G. S. Mason,	"		9 40	
W. D. Hooe,	"		3 40	
T. W. Peirce,	"		9 40	
F. Hodgdon,	"	1897-8,	1 21	
				$256 65

BRIDGES.

M. Collins, labor,	$4 86	
A. B. Richardson, akron pipe,	97	
J. B. Poor, akron pipe,	6 45	
		$12 28

GRAVEL.

S. P. Towne,	$20 40	
		$20 40

REMOVING SNOW.

C. H. Leach,	labor,	1897-8,	$12 70	
R. Swansen,	"	"	2 50	
H. Stone, Jr.,	"	"	4 90	
C. Tibbetts,	"	"	7 15	
H. Taylor,	"	"	4 65	
H. Pottering,	"	"	5 22	
C. F. Welch,	"	"	3 30	
F. P. Smerage,	"	"	2 37	
R. Welch,	"	"	5 60	
E. S. Merrill,	"	"	5 40	
F. Hodgdon,	"	"	1 90	
E. M. Dow,	"	"	6 80	
A. S. Lane,	"	"	4 30	
Amounts carried forward,			$66 79	$289 33

Amounts brought forward,			$66 79	$289 33
I. B. Lane,	labor,	1897-8,	3 20	
C. W. Floyd,	"	"	1 55	
L. A. Peabody,	"	"	5 25	
J. C. Means,	"	"	2 75	
J. H. Hull,	"	"	1 45	
A. P. Gould,	"	"	40	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	40	
S. W. Averell,	"	"	40	
A. H. Todd,	"	"	1 40	
A. F. Day,	"	"	40	
J. F. Perkins,	"	"	90	
A. L. Hodgdon,	"	"	40	
E. B. Edwards,	"	1898-9,	85	
F. Hodgdon,	"	"	3 60	
R. H. Silliman,	"	"	1 90	
F. P. Smerage,	"	"	6 45	
M. Collins,	"	"	3 40	
C. W. Floyd,	"	"	3 60	
N. Ellard,	"	"	2 00	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	10 90	
A. L. Hodgdon,	"	"	2 60	
A. E. Kneeland,	"	"	3 60	
				$124 19
				$413 52

WARD 3.

G. F. Averell, *Surveyor.*

A. P. Howe,	labor,		$12 76	
T. W. Peirce,	"		39 46	
B. J. Balch,	"		9 11	
F. H. Towne,	"		24 59	
G. F. Averell,	"		47 11	
C. V. Jackman,	"	1895-6,	1 20	
Amount carried forward,				$134 23

Amount brought forward				$134 23

BRIDGES.

Pingree Farm,	labor,		$10 60	
J. J. Watson,	"		16 75	
T. W. Peirce,	"		20 12	
				$47 47

GRAVEL.

F. H. Towne,			$1 60	
				$1 60

REMOVING SNOW.

C. V. Jackman,	labor,	1897-8,	$10 15	
S. W. Averell,	"	"	4 40	
R. C. Filner,	"	"	11 00	
B. O'Leary,	"	"	64 35	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	5 30	
T. W. Peirce,	"	"	67 90	
Pingree Farm,	"	"	11 95	
F. H. Towne,	"	"	5 45	
G. F. Averell,	"	"	14 80	
M. Bradstreet,	"	"	3 20	
B. Conant,	"	"	11 00	
L. F. Fowler,	"	1898-9,	1 90	
A. P. Howe,	"	"	12 60	
F. H. Towne,	"	"	4 70	
F. W. Trask,	"	"	15 00	
M. Bradstreet,	"	"	2 40	
C. V. Jackman,	"	"	3 40	
				$249 50
				$432 80

WARD 4.

A. F. Jackman, *Surveyor.*

C. V. Jackman,	labor,		$58 82	
J. W. Jackman,	"		12 58	
J. J. Jackman,	"		12 07	
B. P. Pike,	"		17 39	
C. V. Jackman,	"	1897-8,	1 70	
				$102 56

BRIDGES.

B. P. Pike,	labor,	$2 00	
C. V. Jackman,	"	4 76	
			$6 76

REMOVING SNOW.

C. V. Jackman,	labor,	1897-8,	$20 80	
L. F. Fowler,	"	"	9 00	
W. N. Benton,	"	"	3 80	
B. P. Pike,	"	"	1 20	
J. A. Peterson,	"	"	8 20	
W. L. Batchelder,	"	"	29 20	
L. F. Fowler,	"	1898-9,	4 10	
B. P. Pike,	"	"	6 00	
C. V. Jackman,	"	"	12 20	
				$94 50
				$203 82

WARD 5.

W. H. Walsh, *Surveyor.*

H. W. Lake,	labor,	$8 76	
T. P. Pingree,	"	1 70	
F. Smerage,	"	4 70	
C. H. Lake,	"	12 62	
J. Fuller,	"	1 70	
A. Fuller,	"	1 36	
W. H. Walsh,	"	10 37	
F. P. Smerage,	"	3 76	
G. P. Dow,	"	1 70	
T. F. Cass,	"	22 40	
W. H. Walsh, blasting ledge,		2 04	
			$71 11

REMOVING SNOW.

A. Fuller,	labor,	1897-8,	$2 30	
J. Fuller,	"	"	2 30	
E. B. Wallace,	"	"	2 50	
E. P. Averill,	"	"	1 10	
C. F. Welch,	"	"	3 00	
R. Welch,	"	"	1 60	
G. P. Dow,	"	"	3 30	
H. Long,	"	"	3 50	
J. A. Blaisdell,	"	"	1 60	
H. Hamilton,	"	"	1 60	
C. H. Lake,	"	"	6 50	
H. W. Lake,	"	"	6 50	
H. Stone, Jr.,	"	"	1 50	
W. A. Fuller,	"	"	2 20	
J. Means,	"	"	60	
L. A. Peabody,	"	"	1 85	
C. L. Dame,	"	"	4 00	
J. H. Hull,	"	"	1 70	
W. H. Walsh,	"	"	8 40	
Amounts carried forward,			$56 05	$71 11

Amounts brought forward,			$56 05	$71 11
H. Pottering,	labor,	1897-8,	2 90	
A. A. Gould,	"	"	4 20	
G. H. Sweeney,	"	"	1 00	
T. F. Cass,	"	"	1 60	
H. Dunleigh,	"	1898-9,	10 70	
W. H. Walsh,	"	"	8 20	
G. Curtis,	"	"	5 30	
H. W. Lake,	"	"	6 80	
H. D. Bradstreet,	"	"	1 50	
C. L. Dame,	"	"	3 70	
A. P. Gould,	"	"	1 40	
J. L. Dodge,	"	"	1 60	
H. Ray,	"	"	1 60	
				$106 55
				$177 66

WARD 6.

Wm. A. Fuller, *Surveyor.*

J. A. Blaisdell,	labor,	$25 20	
T. J. Fuller,	"	38 74	
J. Stark,	"	2 72	
G. H. Sweeney,	"	9 26	
H. Hamilton,	"	6 29	
			$82 21

GRAVEL.

G. A. Frame,	$8 50	
		$8 50
Amount carried forward,		$90 71

Amount brought forward, $90 71

REMOVING SNOW.

A. Fuller,	labor,	1897-8,	$5 10	
J. Fuller,	"	"	5 10	
W. A. Fuller,	"	"	4 40	
J. Stark,	"	"	7 80	
T. J. Fuller,	"	"	6 00	
G. H. Sweeney,	"	"	6 60	
H. Hamilton,	"	"	4 40	
J. A. Blaisdell,	"	"	5 30	
G. L. Whitten,	"	"	1 40	
H. Ray,	"	"	3 40	
T. J. Fuller,	"	1898-9,	9 50	
H. D. Bradstreet,	"	"	7 00	
A. Fuller,	"	"	4 00	
J. Stark,	"	"	4 75	
J. A. Blaisdell,	"	"	1 65	
H. Hamilton,	"	"	3 80	
G. H. Sweeney,	"	"	2 50	
H. Ray,	"	"	1 70	
				$84 40
				$175 11

WARD 7.

E. T. Phillips, *Surveyor.*

C. Winslow,	labor,	$5 10	
E. T. Phillips,	"	30 84	
F. E. Gould,	"	16 81	
H. M. Andrews,	"	11 84	
C. Carmody,	"	5 10	
A. Welch,	"	5 10	
H. R. White,	"	7 82	
F. E. Gould,	cutting bushes,	2 21	
E. T. Phillips,	"	7 20	
C. Carmody,	"	3 00	
I. P. Long,	sharpening picks,	20	

Amount carried forward, $95 22

Amount brought forward,				$95 22

GRAVEL.

E. T. Phillips,			$3 96	
				$3 96

REMOVING SNOW.

F. P. Smerage,	labor,	1897-8,	$15 75	
E. T. Phillips,	"	"	10 27	
J. Ellard,	"	"	3 00	
C. Carmody,	"	"	6 40	
F. E. Gould,	"	"	8 20	
E. E. Smith,	"	"	9 00	
H. A. Lefavour,	"	"	6 00	
H. R. White,	"	"	8 40	
F. Smerage,	"	"	24 00	
L. Smerage,	"	"	7 00	
N. Ellard,	"	"	7 00	
H. M. Andrews,	"	"	10 78	
E. E. Gunnison,	"	"	1 30	
Chas. Onderkirk,	"	"	2 90	
M. F. Day,	"	"	2 00	
E. B. Cotton,	"	"	1 00	
R. G. Frame,	"	"	7 00	
M. Smerage,	"	"	1 00	
A. W. Carter,	"	"	6 40	
C. Carmody,	"	1898-9,	2 20	
N. Ellard,	"	"	1 90	
I. B. Young,	"	"	2 00	
A. Welch,	"	"	3 20	
A. W. Phillips,	"	"	4 00	
H. O. Cram,	"	"	2 00	
L. Smerage,	"	"	2 00	
F. Smerage,	"	"	9 25	
F. P. Smerage,	"	"	3 25	
H. A. Lefavour,	"	"	1 80	
E. T. Phillips,	"	"	3 60	
E. E. Smith,	"	"	2 00	
				$174 60
				$273 78

WARD 8.

I. B. Young, *Surveyor.*

F. E. Watson,	labor,	$3 40	
I. B. Young,	"	34 44	
G. R. Deering,	"	6 38	
A. Welch,	"	3 40	
F. Smerage,	"	20 62	
H. R. White,	"	7 14	
F. E. Gould,	"	5 10	
D. A. Conant,	"	12 41	
A. B. Hills,	"	6 80	
C. McGinnis,	"	3 06	
A. W. Conant,	"	3 06	
I. P. Long,	sharpening picks,	20	
			$106 01

BRIDGES.

I. B. Young,	labor,	$3 10	
D. A. Conant,	"	1 70	
			$4 80

REMOVING SNOW.

M. Smerage,	labor,	1897-8,	$1 00	
H. O. Cram,	"	"	14 00	
F. E. Gould,	"	"	60	
F. A. Magraw,	"	"	2 40	
A. H. Magraw,	"	"	2 40	
J. W. Magraw,	"	"	2 40	
F. Smerage,	"	"	18 00	
L. Smerage,	"	"	1 00	
F. C. Frame,	"	"	1 20	
R. Frame,	"	"	6 40	
N. Ellard,	"	"	1 00	
J. L. Fiske,	"	"	6 60	
Amounts carried forward,			$57 00	$110 81

Amounts brought forward,			$57 00	$110 81
I. B. Young,	labor,	1897-8,	16 50	
E. H. Flint,	"	"	5 00	
A. B. Hills,	"	"	16 60	
D. A. Conant,	"	"	7 00	
A. W. Conant,	"	"	7 00	
R. G. Frame,	"	"	1 20	
C. W. Lefavour,	"	"	4 20	
J. L. Fiske,	"	"	1 20	
A. Lefavour,	"	1898-9,	1 00	
N. Ellard,	"	"	1 40	
F. A. Magraw,	"	"	4 60	
A. H. Magraw,	"	"	4 60	
J. W. Magraw,	"	"	4 60	
C. Carmody,	"	"	70	
C. McGinnis,	"	"	6 40	
D. A. Conant,	"	"	5 40	
A. W. Conant,	"	"	5 40	
I. B. Young,	"	"	15 85	
A. B. Hills,	"	"	10 40	
A. H. Davison,	"	"	4 00	
C. Lefavour,	"	"	4 00	
R. Frame,	"	"	6 60	
F. F. Lefavour,	"	"	2 00	
H. O. Cram,	"	"	15 65	
L. Smerage,	"	"	1 80	
F. Smerage	"	"	8 80	
H. A. Lefavour,	"	"	2 30	
A. Welch,	"	"	1 00	
E. E. Smith,	"	"	1 00	
				$223 20
				$334 01

WARD 9.

C. J. Averell, *Surveyor.*

C. J. Averell,	labor,	$42 88	
F. Averell,	"	13 37	
R. H. Coffin,	"	6 05	
F. Smerage,	"	4 70	
M. A. Mulligan,	"	2 13	
J. P. Mulligan,	"	8 17	
B. J. Mulligan,	"	9 37	
F. T. Benton,	"	15 02	
F. D. Bell,	"	18 31	
W. S. Bell,	"	6 80	
J. S. Bell,	"	5 76	
J. A. Lamson,	"	18 20	
			$150 76

BRIDGES.

W. Donaldson,	labor,	$1 00	
C. J. Averell,	"	33 15	
F. T. Benton,	"	8 67	
S. A. Foster,	"	3 03	
F. D. Bell,	"	4 42	
J. S. Bell,	"	2 96	
B. J. Mulligan,	"	4 42	
R. H. Coffin,	"	2 49	
			$60 14

GRAVEL.

C. J. Averell,	$2 00	
		$2 00
Amount carried forward,		$212 90

Amount brought forward,				$212 90

REMOVING SNOW.

R. H. Coffin,	labor,	1896-7,	75	
F. Hodgdon,	"	1897-8,	$1 80	
F. D. Bell,	"	"	14 20	
W. S. Bell,	"	"	12 70	
C. J. Averell,	"	"	68 00	
E. P. Averill,	"	"	1 80	
B. J. Mulligan,	"	"	8 40	
B. Mulligan,	"	"	18 60	
J. Davison,	"	"	4 00	
T. Foss,	"	"	2 00	
W. Donaldson,	"	"	7 00	
R. H. Coffin,	"	"	1 65	
E. L. Wildes,	"	"	8 80	
E. P. Ferguson,	"	"	51	
J. A. Lamson,	"	"	10 00	
F. T. Benton,	"	1898-9,	5 90	
C. J. Averell,	"	"	29 50	
E. L. Wildes,	"	"	3 60	
G. W. Rogers,	"	"	3 00	
E. P. Ferguson,	"	"	3 80	
S. A. Foster,	"	"	8 20	
F. D. Bell,	"	"	6 40	
W. S. Bell,	"	"	6 20	
J. S. Bell,	"	"	7 60	
J. A. Lamson,	"	"	9 70	
				$244 11
				$457 01

WARD 10.

J. P. Mulligan, *Surveyor.*

C. J. Averell,	labor,	$14 04	
M. A. Mulligan,	"	7 99	
F. T. Benton,	"	6 46	
B. Mulligan,	"	27 30	
J. P. Mulligan,	"	19 81	
B. J. Mulligan,	"	6 29	
			$81 89

GRAVEL.

C. J. Averell,	$2 10	
J. H. Sleeper,	1 75	
		$3 85

REMOVING SNOW.

J. H. Dodge,	labor,	1897-8,	$7 20	
R. Andrews,	"	"	19 33	
J. H. Sleeper,	"	"	80	
H. S. Pierce,	"	"	6 20	
S. M. Pierce,	"	"	4 60	
J. E. Sleeper,	"	"	10 20	
F. Friederidsz,	"	"	3 80	
F. Curtis,	"	"	4 80	
W. Donaldson,	"	"	3 20	
Town Farm, acc't. overseers,	labor,	"	14 40	
W. S. Pace,	labor,	"	1 70	
E. E. Ferguson,	"	"	1 20	
W. Donaldson,	"	1898-9,	6 60	
B. J. Mulligan,	"	"	8 40	
C. J. Averell,	"	"	4 50	
J. P. Mulligan,	"	"	6 60	
M. A. Mulligan,	"	"	8 40	
B. Mulligan,	"	"	5 70	
A. H. Davison,	"	"	14 40	
J. E. Sleeper,	"	"	3 40	
Town Farm,	"	"	4 20	
				$139 63
				$225 37

WARD 11.

A. C. Bradstreet, *Surveyor.*

J. McPhee,	labor,	$3 15	
O. Monson,	"	19 60	
J. J. Watson,	"	4 60	
A. C. Bradstreet,	"	12 98	
S. W. Bradstreet,	"	8 70	
J. P. Perkins,	"	19 34	
			$68 37

REMOVING SNOW.

A. Andrews,	labor,	1897-8,	$6 60	
J. J. Watson,	"	"	6 70	
H. Pierce,	"	"	1 60	
J. P. Perkins,	"	"	10 50	
A. W. Pace,	"	"	1 80	
O. Monson,	"	1898-9,	6 00	
C. J. Bresnehan,	"	"	6 10	
J. J. Watson,	"	"	5 70	
A. Andrews,	"	"	6 20	
J. P. Perkins,	"	"	5 76	
H. S. Pierce,	"	"	2 40	
				$59 36
				$127 73

WARD 12.

G. S. Mason, *Surveyor.*

G. S. Mason,	labor,		$24 08	
J. N. Towne,	"		3 40	
M. Collins,	"		6 40	
L. A. Rust,	"		5 28	
J. N. McPhee,	"		3 40	
W. Homan,	"		3 23	
A. A. Towne,	"		16 63	
				$62 42

GRAVEL.

S. P. Towne,			$4 85	
				$4 85

REMOVING SNOW.

F. Rust,	labor,	1897-8,	$3 60	
J. C. Underhill,	"	"	4 00	
E. Stanley,	"	"	90	
F. Montgomery,	"	"	1 90	
G. S. Mason,	"	"	11 55	
W. H. Homan,	"	"	1 70	
S. W. Averell,	"	"	80	
C. J. Peabody,	"	"	4 80	
J. P. Atherton,	"	"	10 60	
M. Collins,	"	"	9 94	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	80	
J. N. Towne,	"	"	8 70	
A. A. Towne,	"	"	8 35	
E. Perkins,	"	"	13 00	
J. N. Towne,	"	1898-9,	8 90	
A. A. Towne,	"	"	19 60	
H. Lewis,	"	"	6 40	
L. A. Rust,	"	"	1 20	
				$116 74
				$184 01

WARD 13.

F. W. Rust, *Surveyor.*

L. A. Rust,	labor,	$41 53	
C. J. Peabody,	"	15 94	
A. P. Peabody,	"	20 04	
W. H. Homan,	"	8 76	
F. W. Rust,	"	4 01	
G. S. Mason,	"	3 41	
			$93 69

GRAVEL.

Calvin Putnam,		12 00	
			$12 00

REMOVING SNOW.

L. A. Rust,	labor,	1897-8,	$10 87	
F. W. Rust,	"	"	7 80	
J. W. Dwinell,	"	"	6 20	
W. H. Homan,	"	"	5 40	
A. P. Peabody,	"	"	3 00	
S. W. Averell,	"	"	5 60	
C. J. Peabody,	"	"	5 40	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	5 60	
F. W. Rust,	"	1898-9,	13 20	
L. A. Rust,	"	"	1 30	
A. P. Peabody,	"	"	4 20	
W. H. Homan,	"	"	7 10	
N. McLeod	"	"	5 40	
				$81 07
				$186 76

HIGHWAY MISCELLANEOUS.

W. S. Bell, painting guide boards,	$9 50	
I. P. Long, repairs, sharpening tools, frames, etc.	9 58	
Somersworth Machine Co., sewer grates,	8 00	
B. & M. R. R., freight, sewer grates,	49	
M. Collins, labor on gutters,	5 69	
J. H. Potter, guide boards,	3 75	
C. H. Winslow, labor on grating,	2 38	
J. B. Poor, cement,	1 32	
L. M. Littlefield, concrete gutter, (half cost),	5 75	
C. H. Leach, care snow plow,	2 00	
		$48 46

BRIDGE MISCELLANEOUS.

Est. T. W. Pierce, plank, stringers, etc.,	40 32	
Town of Boxford, Fish Brook Bridge,	9 25	
F. P. Smerage, teaming drain pipe,	1 00	
M. B. Paige, drain pipe,	9 00	
J. H. Potter, plank,	42 08	
J. H. Potter, miscellaneous bridge work,	29 65	
J. B. Poor, supplies,	55	
		$131 85
		$180 31

SIDEWALKS.

APPROPRIATION, $200 00.

F. Hodgdon,	labor,	Ward	I,	$23 80	
M. Collins,	"	"	I,	38 40	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	II,	5 95	
M. Collins,	"	"	II,	11 20	
F. Hodgdon,	"	"	II,	5 10	
E. T. Phillips, special $25,	"	"	VII,	9 80	
C. Winslow, "	"	"	VII,	2 55	
F. E. Gould, "	"	"	VII,	3 23	
I. B. Young,	"	"	VIII,	4 35	
H. R. White,	"	"	VIII,	1 70	
F. Smerage,	"	"	VIII,	1 57	
					$107 65

GRAVEL.

S. P. Towne,	$2 75	
		$2 75
		$110 40

CONCRETING.

L. M. Littlefield,	I. M. Woodbury,	$16 00	
L. M. Littlefield,	A. T. Merrill,	16 00	
L. M. Littlefield,	J. B. Poor,	15 00	
	Half Cost,		$47 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

APPROPRIATION, $1,700 00.

POOR OUTSIDE THE FARM.

Danvers Insane Asylum, board, C. H. Foster,	$169 47
" " " " G. A. Peabody,	126 75
" " " " J. W. Cressey,	33 89
Medfield " " " L. H. Bixby,	109 20
Salem Hospital, board, Melissa J. Foss,	82 83
" " " Austin Foss,	100 00
Town of Rowley, supplies, J. Peabody,	2 00
" " medical attendance, groceries, Mrs. G. A. Peabody,	17 25
" " medical attendance and medicine, A. W. Bixby,	3 85
City of Lynn, aid, A. W. Bixby, Jr.,	64 00
Mrs. S. B. Sly, board, medicine, moving, and supplies, A. W. Bixby,	25 65
Nichols & Morse, clothing, etc., A. W. Bixby,	20 00
Aid for A. W. Bixby,	10 45
J. Elliott, board, care, and aid, Geo. Bixby,	54 00
Dr. B. W. Bartlett, operating and treatment, J. Peabody,	55 00
T. L. Jenkins, M. D., attendance, Asa Howe,	25 50
T. L. Jenkins, M. D., attendance, N. Foss, Jr.,	14 50
J. L. Fiske, clothing, Foss family,	25 30
W. A. Long, carriage hire, Salem and Ipswich,	12 50
G. F. Dow, car fare, stranded travellers,	2 86
Amount carried forward,	$955 00

Amount brought forward,		$955 00

POOR AT THE FARM.

D. O. Nelson,	Salary,	$494 17	
M. E. W. Floyd,	labor,	252 00	
F. Randall,	"	37 30	
Woodbury & Co.,	Coal,	47 80	
J. B. Poor,	Groceries, etc.,	245 38	
" "	Grain,	297 10	
J. Gilday,	Provisions,	102 74	
M. S. Kimball,	Groceries,	98 29	
C. I. Trowbridge,	"	95 72	
J. H. Bradstreet,	Provisions,	40 50	
E. J. Grant & Son,	Fish,	7 85	
H. C. Atkinson,	"	10 75	
C. H. Leach,	Provisions,	1 68	
T. L. Jenkins, M. D.,	Medical Attendance,	8 25	
B. P. Edwards,	Medicine,	63 25	
D. S. Perley,	3 Cows,	195 00	
" "	balance on Cow trades,	38 00	
F. L. Morse,	1 Horse,	125 00	
Dr. C. S. Moore,	Attending Horse,	25 00	
G. E. Daniels,	Wagon, Wheels and Cart,	175 00	
T. J. Grey & Co.,	1 Mowing Machine,	38 00	
W. F. Waitt,	Standing Grass,	10 00	
A. B. Richardson,	Repairing Water Supply,	5 55	
I. P. Long,	Shoeing and Repairs,	23 00	
J. Wilson,	Repairs,	3 00	
			$2,440 33
Total amount paid from Town Treasury,			$3,395 33

EXPENDITURES OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Paid for Labor at Farm,	$143 25	
" One Cow,	40 00	
" Dr. C. S. Moore,	39 00	
" Meat,	18 96	
" One Heifer,	18 00	
" Corn,	18 00	
" Medicine,	7 25	
" Milk,	6 68	
" Fish,	6 24	
" Grinding Corn,	5 88	
" Repairs on Wagon,	4 70	
" Seeds,	4 58	
" Ice,	4 37	
" Repairs on Harness,	4 10	
" One Spray Pump,	4 00	
" Whitewashing,	4 00	
" Washing,	3 90	
" Strawberry Plants,	3 60	
" Tools,	3 50	
" Sawing Timber,	3 33	
" Tin Ware,	3 00	
" Sundries,	50 39	
" Town Treasurer,	593 22	
Balance in hands of Supt.,	36 71	
		$1,026 66

Number of Poor at the Farm,	4
Present Number,	3
Average "	3¾
Number of Tramps during the year,	671

RECEIPTS OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Sales, etc., at Town Farm, viz.,		
Milk,	$639 73	
Poultry and Eggs,	55 82	
Vegetables,	32 14	
Potatoes,	22 05	
Pigs,	19 50	
Removing Snow,	18 60	
Calves,	9 73	
Ox Cart,	5 00	
Carrying Milk,	4 00	
Pork,	3 46	
Hay,	3 00	
Use of Stock,	2 50	
Cash in hands of Superintendent, Jan. 22, 1898,	211 13	
		$1,026 66

Distribution of the Interest of Annah Pingree Fund.

DR.

To Cash on hand Jan. 22, 1898,	$32 17	
To Interest on Fund for 1899,	250 00	
		$282 17

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By 20 Families and Individuals aided with Money and Supplies,	$277 75	
By Balance on hand, Jan. 26, 1899,	4 42	
		$282 17

Respectfully submitted

JOHN H. POTTER,
J. ALBERT BLAISDELL,
GEO. F. AVERELL, *Overseers of the Poor.*

SUMMARY.

EXPENSE OF POOR, 1898-9.

Amount drawn from Town Treasurer,		$3,395 33
Less received from Gloucester, Foss family,	$222 63	
" " " Est. C. A. Foster,	169 47	
" " " Boxford, A. Howe,	25 50	
" " " Ipswich, Hayden case,	48 00	
" paid Town Treasurer,	593 22	
Cash in hands of Superintendent, Jan. 28, 1899,	36 71	
		$1,095 53
Net cost of Poor,		$2,299 80

EXPENSE OF TOWN FARM.

Amount paid for Poor at the Farm,		$2,440 33
Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$593 22	
Cash in hands of Superintendent, Jan. 28, 1899,	36 71	
Less Lodging and Feeding 671 Tramps,	167 75	
		$797 68
Net cost of Town Farm,		$1,642 65

Inventory of Personal Property at Town Farm.

Two Horses,	$200 00	
Ten Cows,	500 00	
Two Heifers,	35 00	
One Bull,	25 00	
Six Swine,	25 00	
Fifty Fowls,	25 00	
Fourteen Tons English Hay,	154 00	
Three " Meadow "	20 00	
Three and One-half Tons Salt Hay,	28 00	
Two Tons Rowen,	14 00	
One and One-half Tons Corn Fodder,	10 00	
One-half Ton Oat Fodder,	5 00	
Two Hundred and Fifty Bushels Corn,	112 50	
Meal and Feed,	16 95	
Seventy-five Bushels Potatoes,	52 50	
Beans and other Vegetables,	2 50	
Two Hundred Pounds Ham and Pork,	18 00	
Lard,	2 25	
Butter,	6 00	
Two Barrels Crackers,	5 25	
" " Flour,	9 25	
Sixty-five Gallons Cider,	9 75	
Thirty " Oil,	2 75	
Sugar,	8 00	
Small Groceries,	5 00	
Eight Cords Cleft and Fire Wood,	16 00	
Carts, Wagons and Tools,	325 00	
Household Furniture,	175 00	
		$1,807 70

STATE AID, CHAP. 301, ACTS 1889.

E. P. Averill,	$48 00	
Rebecca E. Blaisdell,	48 00	
Addie A. Clarke,	48 00	
Francis Curtis,	48 00	
Elizabeth M. Deland,	48 00	
Benj. C. Dodd, Jr.,	36 00	
E. K. Foster,	3 00	
Daniel Fuller,	36 00	
Enos Fuller,	30 00	
Elizabeth C. Floyd,	36 00	
E. Otis Gould,	48 00	
Maria J. Hobbs,	24 00	
Wm. H. Kneeland,	48 00	
Elizabeth W. Perkins,	3 00	
Wm. H. Munday,	48 00	
Caroline E. Pray,	8 00	
Erwin T. Phillips,	36 00	
Mary J. Roberts,	24 00	
James H. Sleeper,	33 00	
Louisa J. Welch,	24 00	
Wm. H. Wildes,	36 00	
Sarah Smith,	48 00	
Elizabeth D. Kneeland,	40 00	
Nath'l. N. Foss,	24 00	
		$822 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Enos Fuller, May,	$3 00	
		$3 00

TOWN HALL.

APPROPRIATION, $200 00.

Expenditures, 1898-9.

E. O. Gould,	Janitor,	$21 00	
E. O. Gould,	Winding Clock,	5 00	
L. A. Peabody,	Janitor,	31 00	
L. A. Peabody,	Labor, etc.,	4 75	
C. A. S. Kneeland,	Labor and Lock,	8 50	
J. H. Dodge,	Winding Clock Striker,	5 00	
G. W. Burnham,	Labor,	9 15	
Gould & Cutler,	Oil and Freight,	6 32	
J. H. Potter,	Lumber,	2 66	
Woodbury & Co.,	Coal,	61 00	
J. B. Poor,	Supplies,	18 18	
H. E. Sturgis,	Oil,	3 92	
Total cost of Town Hall and Clock,			$176 48
Less Rentals,			43 50
Net cost for year ending Jan. 28, 1899,			$132 98

ABATEMENTS.

J. L. Fiske,	$46 90	
		$46 90

TAXES.

E. P. Shaw, State Tax,	$435 00	
E. K. Jenkins, Treas., County Tax,	651 15	
Town of Boxford, Taxes,	3 67	
Town of Ipswich, Taxes.	49	
		$1,090 31

POLICE AND COURT FEES.

Town of Danvers, Lockup, T. Ryan,	1 70	
C. A. S. Kneeland, Arrest, T. Ryan, and exp.,	3 50	
" " Special, July 2-4,	5 00	
" " Posting Notices,	1 00	
L. A. Peabody, Special, July 2-4,	4 00	
A. S. Lane. " . "	4 00	
E. B. Woodbury, " "	4 00	
		$23 20

FIRE WARDS.

C. A. S. Kneeland, Padlock and Labor,	$4 25	
B. P. Edwards, Acid,	50	
G. W. Burnham, Labor,	4 85	
W. H. Herring, Labor,	3 00	
J. A. Blaisdell, Watchman,	2 00	
L. F. Fowler, "	2 00	
J. B. Poor, Supplies,	3 15	
		$19 75

Oct. 17th, 1898, Fire at Wm. L. Batchelder's, One Barn totally destroyed, Insured for $2,000.00.

C. A. S. Kneeland, *Chief.*

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDS.

There having been no Forest Fires that have come to our notice during the year, in Topsfied, the expense of this department has therefore not been anything.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Albert Blaisdell,
D. A. Conant,
Forest Fire Wards.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Wm. Perkins, Town Clerk,	$25 00
Wm. Perkins, Registrar,	15 00
Wm. Perkins, Recording Births, Marriages, Deaths,	13 40
Wm. Perkins, Journeys out of Town,	4 90
W. Pitman Gould, Town Treasurer,	100 00
B. P. Pike, Selectman,	35 00
B. P. Pike, Registrar,	5 00
B. P. Pike, Board of Health,	5 00
B. P. Pike, Hearings and Journey,	6 00
Geo. Frs. Dow, Selectman,	30 00
Geo. Frs. Dow, Clerk of Board,	5 00
Geo. Frs. Dow, Registrar,	5 00
Geo. Frs. Dow, Board of Health,	5 00
Geo. Frs. Dow, State Aid,	8 00
Geo. Frs. Dow, Hearing,	2 00
W. Donaldson, Selectman,	30 00
W. Donaldson, Registrar,	5 00
W. Donaldson, Board of Health,	5 00
W. Donaldson, Hearing,	4 00
S. D. Hood, Assessor,	35 00
S. D. Hood, Writing Duplicate Book,	5 00
J. B. Poor, Assessor,	35 00
J. B. Poor, Writing Duplicate Book,	5 00
J. H. Towne, Assessor,	35 00
J. H. Towne, Writing Duplicate Book,	5 00
J. H. Potter, Overseer,	10 00
J. H. Potter, Journeys out of Town and Cash Paid,	14 00
J. H. Potter, Legal Advice,	5 00
J. A. Blaisdell, Overseer,	10 00
J. A. Blaisdell, Journeys out of Town and Cash Paid,	32 50
G. F. Averell, Overseer,	10 00
G. F. Averell, Journeys out of Town and Cash Paid,	20 50
J. L. Fiske, Collector of Taxes,	150 00
A. T. Merrill, Auditor,	25 00
C. A. S. Kneeland, Town Hall,	5 00
C. A. S. Kneeland, Returning Dog Warrants,	10 00
C. A. S. Kneeland, Election Officer,	3 00
A. B. Richardson, Election Officer,	3 00
A. M. Dodge, Election Officer,	3 00
	$729 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. T. Merrill, Printing Town Report,	$88 44	
A. T. Merrill, Printing for Selectmen,	11 19	
A. T. Merrill, Printing for Board of Health,	1 50	
Abram Welch, Repair Fence, Town Pasture,	1 36	
W. Pitman Gould, supplies,	3 65	
H. A. Brooks, Binding Reports,	80	
W. H. Herring, Painting Staff and Monument,	14 00	
J. H. Welch, Shelves in Safe,	1 05	
W. H. Walsh, Spraying Trees,	5 50	
State Treasurer, ¼ sixth class license,	25	
B. P. Edwards, Blanks and Stationery,	1 05	
120 I. R. Stamps,	2 40	
Essex Institute, Public Statutes, 1882,	1 00	
W. A. Long, Carriage, County Commissioners,	1 00	
T. L. Jenkins, Returning Births,	1 00	
E. L. Wildes, Inspector of Cattle,	1 80	
J. B. Poor, Block for Staff,	1 50	
Wm. Perkins, Stationery, etc.,	6 35	
E. H. Ferguson, Returning Deaths,	5 25	
Geo. Frs. Dow, Postage and Stationery,	60	
W. Donaldson, Car Fare, Boston,	1 00	
B. P. Pike, Car Fare, Boston,	1 00	
		$151 69

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

APPROPRIATION, $75 00.

A. A. Conant,	Appropriation,	$75 00	
E. O. Gould,	Janitor,	12 50	
L. A. Peabody,	Janitor,	41 67	
			$129 17

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation,	$50 00	
Fountain Lodge, I. O. O. F.,	2 45	
Private Contributions,	1 25	
		$53 70

Orpheus Quartette,	$12 50	
Staples Drum Corps,	11 50	
W. E. Burbank, Oration,	10 00	
E. & C. Woodman, Flowers,	6 75	
Miss M. E. Averill, Reader,	5 00	
Stanwood School, Wreaths,	2 50	
E. A. Mackintire, Flags,	1 70	
A. T. Merrill, Printing Program,	1 50	
Wm. Long, Carriage,	1 50	
Wm. Perkins, Postals and Printing,	75	
		$53 70

Respectfully Submitted,

G. F. Averell,
James Wilson,
E. K. Foster,
J. A. Blaisdell,
Memorial Committee.

INTEREST.

John H. and Esther Towne,	$325 00	
Mrs. Lucy Herrick, 2 yrs.,	300 00	
Annah Pingree Fund,	250 00	
Mary S. Perkins,	85 00	
Danvers Savings Bank,	29 23	
Caroline H. Towne,	25 00	
Deborrah Kimball Fund,	25 00	
J. B. Poor,	11 60	
South Side Cemetery Fund, not drawn 1897-98,	8 04	
" " " " 1898-9,	13 62	
Lake Cemetery Fund,	5 00	
Galloupe " "	6 00	
		$1,083 49

NOTES.

Danvers Savings Bank,	$1,500 00	
J. B. Poor,	1,000 00	
		$2,500 00

PRICES FOR LABOR, ETC.

Tax Collector,		$150 00
Treasurer,		100 00
Selectmen,	(not to exceed)	100 00
Auditor,		25 00
Man, 17 cents per hour,		
Horse, 15 " " "		
Oxen, 20 " " "	(Yoke)	
Plow, 10 " " "		
Man, 20 " " "	(Snow)	

COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERIES.

APPROPRIATION, $150 00.

C. Carmody, Labor,	$75 23	
C. Winslow, "	74 73	
Unexpended Balance,	04	
		$150 00

SOUTH SIDE CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

Amount in Treasurer's hands Feb. 1, 1898,	$273 98	
Interest, 1898-9,	13 62	
		$287 60

CR.

C. Carmody, Labor,	$6 22	
C. Winslow, "	7 92	
Balance on hand,	273 46	
		$287 60

D. B. GALLOUPE CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

Amount in Treasurer's hands Feb. 1, 1898,	$100 00	
Interest 1898,	5 00	
		$105 00

CR.

C. Carmody, Labor,	$5 00	
Balance on hand,	100 00	
		$105 00

A. W. LAKE CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

Amount in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 1, 1898,	$106 46	
Interest 1898,	5 00	
		$111 46

CR.

C. Winslow, Labor,	$6 00	
Balance on hand,	105 46	
		$111 46

TOWN TREASURER.

DR.

Receipts.

Cash in Town Treasury, March 1st, 1898,	$5,433 60
J. L. Fiske, Tax Collector, 1898,	11,000 00
Danvers Savings Bank,	1,500 00
J. B. Poor,	1,000 00
Commonwealth, State Aid, Chap. 301,	959 00
" Corporation Tax,	937 20
D. O. Nelson, Sales at Town Farm,	593 22
Massachusetts School Fund,	355 55
Estate C. A. Foster,	332 44
City of Gloucester, Account Foss Family,	237 68
Commonwealth, Bank Tax,	227 25
Essex County, Dog Tax,	125 78
J. L. Fiske, Tax Collector, 1897,	115 64
Town of Ipswich, Hayden Case,	48 00
Town Hall Committee, Rentals,	43 50
State Inspector of Animals,	41 25
Burial Indigent Soldiers,	35 00
W. Pitman Gould, Interest on Deposits,	29 21
J. L. Fiske, Abatements, 1898-9,	26 90
Town of Boxford, Account Asa Howe,	25 50
Abram Welch, Three Cow-rights,	24 00
J. L. Fiske, Abatements, 1897-8,	20 00
Lottie D. Curtis, Tuition,	10 00
Balance of Interest South Side Cemetery Fund,	7 52
Cemetery Commissioners, Sale of Lots	6 00
C. H. Leach, Grass on Common,	5 10
I. M. Woodbury, Slaughter House License,	2 00
Damage to School Room by Pupils,	2 00
B. P. Edwards, Sixth Class License,	1 00
W. Donaldson, Bridge Plank,	1 00
G. F. Dow, Gravel,	30
	$23,145 64

TOWN TREASURER.

CR.

Payments.

Abatements,	$46 90	
Boxford and Ipswich Taxes,	4 16	
Bridges,	265 00	
Cemeteries,	150 96	
Concreting,	47 00	
County Tax,	651 15	
Danvers Savings Bank, Notes,	1,500 00	
Fire Wards,	19 75	
Gravel,	63 76	
Highways,	1,561 97	
Interest,	1,082 49	
J. B. Poor, Notes,	1,000 00	
Memorial Committee,	50 00	
Miscellaneous,	151 69	
Overseers of the Poor,	3,395 33	
Police and Court Fees,	23 20	
Public Library,	129 17	
Removing Snow,	1,906 65	
Schools,	3,169 15	
School Books and Supplies,	286 67	
Sidewalks,	110 40	
Soldiers' Relief,	3 00	
State Aid, Chap. 301,	822 00	
State Tax,	435 00	
Town Hall Committee,	176 48	
Town Officers,	729 30	
		$17,781 18
Cash Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 1st, 1899,		5,364 46
		$23,145 64

APPROPRIATIONS, 1899-1900.

The following Appropriations are recommended by the Selectmen and the various Boards of Town Officers having the expenditure of money.

Schools,	$2,700 00
School Books and Supplies,	300 00
Highways,	1,500 00
Sidewalks,	150 00
Concreting,	75 00
Bridges,	250 00
Overseers of the Poor,	2,500 00
Snow,	1,400 00
Interest,	875 00
Town Hall,	200 00
Town Officers,	725 00
Cemeteries,	150 00
	$10,825 00

LIST OF JURORS.

Following is a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen,

Henry M. Andrews, Shoemaker,
Wm. L. Batchelder, Farmer,
Benj. Conant, "
Josiah P. Perkins "
John W. Ray, "
Loring A. Rust, "
A. W. Stevens, Carpenter,
Hazen R. Wildes, "
J. Albert Blaisdell, Farmer,
Charles G. Cotton, "
W. Pitman Gould, Clerk,
Benj. Lane, Shoe Mnfr.,
Horace Ray, Carpenter,
W. H. Wildes, Shoe Mnfr.,
Eugene L. Wildes, Farmer,
William Welch, Carpenter.

B. P. PIKE,
W. DONALDSON,
GEO. FRS. DOW.
Selectmen of Topsfield.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

1897.

DR.

To Tax List uncollected last report,	$135 64	$135 64

CR.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$135 64	$135 64

1898.

DR.

To Tax List, 1898, for collection,		$11,432 17

CR.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$11,000 00	
By Abatements from tax list,	46 90	
By Taxes to be collected,	385 27	
		$11,432 17

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. FISKE,

Tax Collector.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I have examined the Accounts of the various Town Officers for the year ending Jan. 28, 1899, and find them correct, with satisfactory vouchers for same. For this Report I have compiled a Tabular Statement for the year, which will show, at a glance, the entire Town Report in detail, giving the Appropriations, Expenses, etc., of each and every department, and which I hope will meet with the approval of the Citizens.

Respectfully,

A. T. MERRILL,

Auditor.

Topsfield, Mar. 1st. 1899.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	$10,000 00	
Furniture,	800 00	
Clock,	300 00	
Town Clerk's Vault,	400 00	
Safe,	25 00	
Books and Reports,	350 00	
Weights and Measures,	150 00	
Four School Houses, Land, and Furniture,	7,000 00	
School Books and Supplies,	300 00	
Town Farm and Buildings,	4,500 00	
Personal Property at Town Farm,	1,807 70	
Real Estate in Boxford,	350 00	
Real Estate in Ipswich,	50 00	
Town Common,	1,000 00	
Cemeteries,	800 00	
Bare Hill Pasture,	500 00	
Gravel Pits,	100 00	
Truck House,	200 00	
Carriage, Hooks, Ladders, etc.,	325 00	
Fire Reservoir,	450 00	
Hearse House,	600 00	
Hearse,	475 00	
Old Hearse House,	15 00	
Road Machine,	200 00	
Snow Ploughs,	20 00	
Town Pump,	20 00	
Town Library Funds,	9,676 02	
Library and Furniture,	4,000 00	
		$44,413 72

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.

Annah Pingree Fund,	$5,000 00	
Esther Towne, Notes,	5,500 00	
Estate Chas. Herrick, Notes,	3,000 00	
Mary S. Perkins, Notes,	1,700 00	
John H. Towne, Notes,	1,000 00	
Deborah Kimball Fund,	500 00	
Caroline H. Towne, Notes,	500 00	
South Side Cemetery Fund,	273 46	
Lake Cemetery Fund,	105 46	
Galloupe Cemetery Fund,	100 00	
		$17,678 92

Assets.

Cash in Town Treasury,	$5,364 46	
Due from Commonwealth State Aid,	971 00	
Due for Uncollected Taxes,	385 27	
Cash in hands of Supt. Poor Farm,	36 71	
		$6,757 44
Net Town Debt, March 1st, 1899,		$10,921 48

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

1898.

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Topsfield, in said County GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Topsfield, on Monday the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.—B. P. Pike elected.

SECOND.—To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.—W. Perkins elected.

THIRD.—To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting, and act thereon.—Accepted all Reports.

FOURTH.—To act on the subject of the revision of the jury box.—16 Jurors drawn, see p. 48.

FIFTH.—Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating Liquors in the town the ensuing year; the ballots shall be "yes" or "no".—Voted as follows:—"yes" 15, "no" 44.

SIXTH.—To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to pay demands against the town.—$2,500 00 hired.

SEVENTH.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.—See pages 2, 3 and 4 of this Report.

EIGHTH.—To raise and grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.—See p. 60 Also voted that 75 per cent. be worked out before first of June.

NINTH.—To see if the Town will Concrete Side Walks where the Abutters will pay one half the expense of same, or pass any vote or votes in relation to same.—$100 00 appropriated.

TENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to assist in lighting the Streets.—Passed over.

ELEVENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to choose the Selectmen, Highway Surveyors, to have charge of all the roads in Town and direct the outlay of Money and Superintend all repairs upon the same by such methods as they in their wisdom may adopt.—Passed over.

TWELFTH.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Stone Crusher for use in Town.—Left to Selectmen to report at a future meeting.

THIRTEENTH.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.—$50 00 appropriated.

FOURTEENTH.—To see what action the Town will take to suppress the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town.—Passed over.

FIFTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to put a Set Bowl Water Closet in the Town Hall.—Referred to Selectmen or Town Hall Committee.

SIXTEENTH.—To see if the Town will accept Chap. 254 of the Acts of the Year 1897 in regard to the appointment of a Forester.—Passed over.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Post-Office, and one at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the said Town, ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

W. DONALDSON,
BAXTER P. PIKE,
S. D. HOOD,
Selectmen of Topsfield.

A true copy,

ATTEST:

C. A. S. KNEELAND, *Constable.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

Since the last annual report, nearly three hundred volumes have been added to the Library. It has been our endeavor, in the selection of books, to meet the wants of all classes of readers With this object in view, the Trustees have procured works of history, biography, travel, fiction, and miscellaneous and reference books. No better selection of books has been added in any year since the Library was established. The Library was not patronized as much as usual in the spring and summer months, owing, it is thought, to the unusual interest in public affairs diverting attention to newspaper reading. The pupils of the public schools, however, who are remembered in the selection of books, have continued their interest as in years past.

A falling off from last year in the percentage of circulation of fiction, and some increase of that of more substantial reading will be noted. Besides works of fiction, the shelves are well filled with interesting and instructive volumes, to which we would call the attention of the people, and encourage their more general use.

The reading room continues to be the resort of a considerable number, why profit by perusing current magazine literature.

READING ROOM,

No. of times open,	142
Average attendance,	12.42
Largest attendance,	35.

List of Magazines and Periodicals on Reading Room table:

Century Magazine,	St. Nicholas,
Scribner's Magazine,	Outing Magazine,
New England Magazine,	Forum,
Review of Reviews,	Puck,
McClure's Magazine,	Harper's Weekly,
Harper's Monthly,	Illustrated London News,
Cosmopolitan Magazine,	Essex Antiquarian.

CIRCULATION.

No. of times the Library was open,	142
No. of volumes delivered for home use,	5,328
No. of volumes delivered for school use,	100
Average delivery of books,	38
No. of persons receiving books,	274
No. of volumes missing,	4

PER CENT. OF CIRCULATION.

Fiction,	78.
Magazines,	7.
Miscellaneous,	4.
Travels,	3.
History,	3.
Biography,	2.5
Poetry,	1.3
Agriculture,	1.
McLoud Library,	0.2
	100.0

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the Library March 1, 1898,		7,387
Volumes added by purchase,	246	
Volumes added by gift,	23	
Volumes bound from Reading Table,	26	
Total number added,	295	
Missing,	4	
Net Gain,		291
Number of volumes in Library, March, 1899,		7,678
Number of pamphlets in Library, March 1, 1898,	794	
Number of pamphlets added,	1,066	
Total number of pamphlets in Library, March 1, 1899,		1,860

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last report,		$153 95	
Feb. 1, 1899,	Interest on $5,000 00, 5 per cent.,	250 00	
" "	Interest on $4,522 07, 4½ per cent.,	203 49	
" "	Town Appropriation,	75 00	
" "	Fines,	5 00	
			$687 44

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 1, 1899,	Damrell & Upham, Books,	$344 82	
" "	Balch Bros., Books,	19 80	
" "	B. P. Edwards, Mag. and Period.,	39 80	
" "	J. H. Studer, Books,	17 80	
" "	N. J. Stone, and others, books,	16 25	
" "	Barnard & Co., Binding,	49 95	
" "	Paine Furniture Co.,	3 08	
" "	Merrill, and Willis, Printing,	6 25	
" "	Express,	4 35	
" "	Librarian,	75 00	
" "	Balance on hand,	110 34	
			$687 44

ASSETS.

Moses Wildes Legacy,	$5,000 00
D. Galloupe Legacy,	3,022 07
S. A. Merriam Legacy,	1,000 00
Cash on Deposit,	500 00
5 Shares Atchison Stock,	
Volumes in Library,	
Reading Room Furniture,	

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Name of Donor.	Bound Books.	Pamphlets and Unbound Books.
Boston University,		1
Conant, Albert A.,	5	7
Cambridge Women's C. T. U.,	1	
Commissioner of Education,	2	
Civil Service Commission,	1	
Caldwell, Lydia,		1
Caldwell, Augustine,		2
Hodges, Mary O.,		1,040
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1	
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference,		1
Mass. Institute of Technology,		2
Palmer, Chas. F.,	1	
Syracuse, N. Y., Central Library,		1
Salem Public Library,		3
Sect. of the Commonwealth,	9	3
Smithsonian Institute,	1	
Swan, Robert T.,		2
State Library,		1
Trustees Peabody Institute, Danvers,		1
Town of Topsfield,		1
Town of Andover,	1	
U. S. National Museum,	1	
	23	1,066

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN ALLEN,
A. A. CONANT,
J. B. POOR,
B. P. EDWARDS,
E. W. HUTCHINGS,
A. M. DODGE,
Library Trustees.

Feb. 1, 1899.

1899.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

ESSEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Topsfield, in said County GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Topsfield, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

FIRST.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

SECOND.—To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

THIRD.—To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting, and act thereon.

FOURTH.—To act on the subject of the revision of the jury box.

FIFTH.—Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating Liquors in the town the ensuing year; the ballots shall be "yes" or "no."

SIXTH.—To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to pay demands against the town.

SEVENTH.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

EIGHTH.—To raise and grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

NINTH.—To see if the Town will concrete sidewalks where the abutters will pay one half the expense of same, or pass any vote or votes in relation to the same.

TENTH.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

ELEVENTH.—To see what action the Town will take to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.

TWELFTH.—To see if the Town will take any action relating to the observance in 1900 of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town and pass any vote or votes relating thereto.

THIRTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to sell or remove any or all of the unoccupied school houses, and pass any vote or votes in relation to the same.

FOURTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to insure the buildings on the Town Farm.

FIFTEENTH.—To see if the Town will purchase land adjoining to Cram's gravel pit, so called, and pass any vote or votes in relation to same.

SIXTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to build a highway from High street, across the land of Mrs. Hodges to Central street, thence across land of Miss Osgood, and Mrs. Kimball, to the railroad station on Park street, providing Mrs. Hodges will give the land required extending from High street to Central street for said road, the road to be begun within one year. On petition of A. L. Peirce, and twenty-five others.

SEVENTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to remove the tramp house from the Town Farm to the Common, near the Town Hall, or to some other suitable place in the village. On petition of O. E. Lake, and thirteen others.

EIGHTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Election Act of 1893, and subsequent amendment known as the Australian Ballot Law, and pass any vote or votes relating thereto. On petition of E. E. Ferguson, and thirty others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Post-Office, and one at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

BAXTER P. PIKE,
W. DONALDSON,
GEO. F. DOW,
Selectmen of Topsfield.

A true copy,

ATTEST:

J. L. FISKE, *Constable.*

TABULAR STATEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1898-9.

Appropriations.		Appropriation, $3,000 00. SCHOOLS.	Appropriation, $1,500 00. HIGHWAY.	GRAVEL.	Appropriation, $250 00. BRIDGES.	Appropriation, $1,400 00. SNOW, 1897.	SNOW, 1898.	Appropriation, $200 00. SIDEWALKS.	Appropriation, $1,700 00. OVERSEERS.	Appropriation, $150 00. CEMETERIES.	DEPARTMENTS.	TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN.
Interest,	$1,025 00											
Hall,	200 00											
Officers,	725 00											
Library,	75 00											
Memorial,	50 00											
Janitor and Teaching,		$2,368 50									State Aid,	$822 00
Miscellaneous,		690 65									Soldiers Relief,	3 00
Books,		210 13									Town Hall,	176 48
Supplies,		76 54									Library,	129 17
Ward 1,			$208 39	$6 60	$1 70	$132 40	$76 40	$62 20			Fire Wards,	19 75
" 2,			256 65	20 40	12 28	85 29	38 90	22 25			Police, etc.,	23 20
" 3,			134 23	1 60	47 47	209 50	40 00				Memorial,	50 00
" 4,			102 56		6 76	72 20	22 30				Town Officers,	839 30
" 5,			71 11			65 75	40 80				Miscellaneous,	151 69
" 6,			82 21	8 50		49 50	34 90				Abatements,	46 90
" 7,			95 22	3 96		137 40	37 20	15 58			Taxes,	1,090 31
" 8,			106 01		4 80	115 70	107 50	7 62			Interest,	1,083 49
" 9,			150 76	2 00	60 14	160 21	83 90				Notes,	2,500 00
" 10,			81 89	3 85		77 43	62 20				Schools,	3,345 82
" 11,			68 37			27 20	32 16				Highway,	3,954 78
" 12,			62 42	4 85		80 64	36 10				Overseers,	3,395 33
" 13,			93 69	12 00		49 87	31 20				Cemeteries,	149 96
Highway Miscellaneous,			48 46		131 85			2 75				
Concreting,								47 00				
Outside Poor,									$955 00			
Poor Farm,									2,440 33			
Pine Grove,										$149 96		
South Side,										14 14		
Lake,										6 00		
Galloupe,										5 00		
Totals		$3,345 82	$1,561 97	$63 76	$265 00	$1,263 09	$643 56	$157 40	$3,395 33	$175 10		$17,781 18

1899.

Annual Report

School Committee.

YEAR ENDING JAN. 28.

TOPSFIELD, MASS.

MERRILL PRESS, TOPSFIELD.

MEETINGS.

Regular Meetings of the Board are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Twenty-one meetings have been held to date.

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1898-99.

HIGH SCHOOL:—

Fall Term	Begins	Sept. 6, 1898,	Closes	Dec. 16, 1898.
Winter	"	Dec. 27, 1898,	"	Mch. 24, 1899.
Spring	"	April 3, 1899,	"	June 23, 1899.

OTHER SCHOOLS:—

Fall Term	Begins	Sept. 6, 1898,	Closes	Dec. 16, 1898.
Winter	"	Jan. 2, 1899,	"	Mch. 24, 1899.
Spring	"	Apr. 10, 1899,	"	June 9, 1899.

GENERAL REPORT.

Changes in the Corps of teachers and the removal of the Church Home boys have been the chief features of the school year of 1898-99.

Early in June Mr. Roy E. Mooar, who had served as principal of the High School for two years, resigned his position and the committee accepted the same. Miss Mary E. Barnes tendered her resignation also at about the same time. The committee sought to retain her services, but her determination remaining unaltered, her resignation was accepted. Both teachers had rendered good service to the school.

During the summer Miss Metta D. Bradstreet asked to be released from her office as teacher of the Grammar school, in order to accept a more advantageous position elsewhere, and with much regret her request was granted.

The applications for the positions thus made vacant reached a large number. The committee spent much time in considering them, and finally elected the following:

Principal of High School,
Leon O. Glover, A. M.
Assistant in High School,
Mrs. Leon O. Glover.
Teacher of Grammar School,
Miss Alice M. Packard.

All three teachers have received the most thorough training for their work and each was highly recommended.

For some time our several grades have been over-crowded, and with the beginning of the fall term it was evident that the seating capacity of the several rooms would be insufficient unless some change were made. It was felt that the presence of the boys from the Church Home accounted for the surplus, and therefore, that the expense of providing enlarged accommodation should be shared by this Institution. The law relating to the education of such children in the public schools being of somewhat doubtful application to the case in point, the committee applied to the State Legislature and finally secured the enactment of the following law:

"For the tuition in the public schools in any town of less than ten thousand inhabitants of any child between the ages of five and fifteen years not theretofore residents in such town, who is an inmate of an institution containing more than six inmates, said town may recover from said institution the extra school expense incurred, as may be determined jointly by the school committee of said town and the trustees or managers of said institution."

The Trustees of the Church Home met in conference with the School Board to discuss the course of procedure in relation to the above, and later made known their intention of removing their boys from the Public school and providing for their instruction at the Home. This arrangement was entirely satisfactory and accomplished the desired purpose, viz.: the relief of the over-crowded condition of the schools.

The high school alone is now hampered by reason of insufficient room. A larger recitation room and better facilities for laboratory work are imperatively needed.

At present one of the ante rooms is used as a recitation room for the high school. And it is not only inadequate, but necessitates using the ante room of the Grammar school by the High school scholars, producing much over crowding and undesirable confusion.

COURSE OF STUDY.

For Primary, Intermediate and Grammar Grades.

FIRST YEAR.

Reading.—First half Harper's 1st. Reader, Supplementary, Franklin Primer and 1st. Reader, Barnes' 1st. Reader, etc.

Arithmetic.—Teach by means of objects the numbers from one to ten.
Teach all the combinations in each number.
Teach to express the numbers by figures.
Teach to add in columns, sum not to exceed 10.
Teach to subtract on board and slate, minuend not greater than 9.
Teach,—$\frac{1}{2}$ of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
$\frac{1}{3}$ of 3, 6, 9.
$\frac{1}{4}$ of 4, 8.
Teach Roman numerals to X.

A great deal must be left to the discretion of the Teacher.

Spelling.—Words from the Reader.

Language.—Correct forms of expression, oral and written.

Writing.—Letters and simple words on slate and paper.

SECOND YEAR.

Reading.—Last half Harper's 1st. Reader with supplementary from Franklin, Barnes, etc.

Arithmetic.—Numbers developed objectively to 20. All the combinations. Reading and writing numbers to 100. Fractions to and including eighths. Practice addition of columns not to exceed 20. Subtraction, minuend not to exceed 20.

Spelling.—Words from Reader.

Language.—Use of capital letters, period and interrogation mark; dictation exercises; original composition.

Writing.—Previous work continued and extended.

THIRD YEAR.

Reading.—Harper's 2nd. Reader, Franklin's and Barnes' 2nd. Readers, supplementary.

Arithmetic.—Number work continued. Cogswell's Lessons to page 70.

Spelling.—Words from Reader. Worcester's Spelling Book.

Language.—Greene's 1st. Lessons in English, Part 1.

Writing.—Copy Book No. 1.

FOURTH YEAR.

Reading.—Harper's, Franklin's and Barnes' 3d. Readers.

Arithmetic.—Complete Cogswell's Lessons.

Spelling.—Words from Reader. Worcester's Spelling Book.

Language.—Same as third year.

Writing.—Copy Book No. 1.

Geography.—As supplementary reading. Long's Home Geography. Oral work.

FIFTH YEAR.

Reading.—Several third Readers with supplementary matter.

Arithmetic.—Milne's Standard to page 90.

Spelling.—From Readers. First 3d. of Worcester's New Pronunciation Spelling Book.

Language.—Greene's Lessons Part 2d.

Writing.—Copy Book No. 1.

Geography.—Rand-McNally to page 61.

SIXTH YEAR.

Reading.—Harper's and Franklin's 4th. Readers, with supplementary.

Arithmetic. —Milne to page 170.

Spelling.—From Readers. Second 3d. Worcester's Spelling Book.

Language.—Language book begun. First half Metcalf's Grammar No. 1.

Writing.—Copy Book No. 2.

Geography.—Rand-McNally Primary completed.

SEVENTH YEAR.

Reading.—Same as sixth year.

Arithmetic.—Milne to page 231.

Spelling.—From Reader. Worcester's Spelling Book.

Language.—Metcalf, completed and reviewed.

Geography.—Rand-McNally Grammar School to page 57.

Writing.—Copy Book No. 2.

EIGHTH YEAR.

Reading.—Franklin's and Lippincott's 5th. Readers. Supplementary reading.

Arithmetic.—Milne to page 314.

Spelling.—From Reader. Worcester's Spelling Book.

Language.—First half of Grammar. Metcalf No. 2.

Geography.—Rand-McNally to page 110.

History.—U. S. to end of Revolution. Barnes' to page 149.

Writing.—Copy Book No. 3.

NINETH YEAR.

Reading.—Same as eighth year with selections from standard authors.

Arithmetic.—Milne finished and reviewed.

Spelling.—Same as eighth year.

Language.—Second half of Grammar and review.

Geography.—Rand-McNally completed and reviewed.

History.—Barnes' U. S. History, completed and reviewed.

Physiology.—Steele's Hygienic Physiology, completed and reviewed.

Writing.—Copy Books Nos. 3 and 4.

Physical exercises throughout the course.

Music as directed by Special Teacher.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

	Classical.	No. Periods.	Latin, Scientific.	No. Periods.	English.	No. Periods.
1st year.	Latin,	4.	Latin,	4.	English,	3.
	English,	3.	English,	3.	Algebra,	4.
	Algebra,	4.	Algebra,	4.	History,	3.
	History,	3.	History,	3.	Book-keeping,	4.
2nd year.	Latin,	4.	Latin,	4.	History,	3.
	Greek,	4.	English,	4.	English,	3.
	Geometry,	3.	French,	3.	Geometry,	3.
	Physics,	3.	Geometry,	3.	Physics,	3.
			Physics,	3.	French,	3.
					Commercial Arithmetic,	2.
3d year.	Latin,	4.	Latin,	4.	English,	4.
	Greek,	4.	English,	4.	French,	3.
	French,	3.	French,	3.	Astronomy and Botany,	3.
			Chemistry and Botany,	3.	Chemistry,	3.
			Astronomy,	3.		

STATISTICS.

Number of children in Town on the first day of May, 1898, between five and fifteen years of age, 151

Teachers.	School.	Salary.	No. Weeks.	No. Enrolled.	No. bet. 5-15.	No. bet. 8-14.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. Visits.
Leon O. Glover,	High,	$700	40	36	12	6	0	29	35
Mrs. L. O. Glover.	High,	360	40						
Alice M. Packard,	Grammar,	360	36	36	30	24	0	0	24
Lizzie A. Poore,	Intermediate	324	36	46	46	41	0	0	28
Genie C. Fuller,	Primary,	288	36	70	70	29	0	0	67
Genie C. Fuller,	Music,	108	36						
Totals				188	158	100	0	29	154

SPECIAL REPORT ON EACH SCHOOL.

HIGH SCHOOL.

LEON O. GLOVER, A. M., *Principal*, MRS. L. O. GLOVER, *Asst.*

Faithful work has been done in all branches. The discipline has been all that could be desired. A commendable spirit pervades the school. Chemistry, although included in the course of study adopted at the outset, has been taught for the first time this year. Experimental work, so essential to this study, is limited by the lack of a proper room for a laboratory.

The second class to graduate from the High School numbered six. Graduating exercises were held in the Town Hall on the evening of June 23, 1898. An eloquent address by the Hon. Alden P. White, of Salem, was an important feature of the programme.

The parts assigned the members of the graduating class were as follows:

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY, "THE SCHOOLS OF NEW ENGLAND,"
Bertha Ethel Benton.
READING, "THE PIPES AT LUCKNOW," Whittier,
Marion Huntington Todd.
CLASS HISTORY, *Adeline Marsh Dow.*
ORATION, "THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR,"
George Clinton Donaldson.
CLASS PROPHECY, *Marie Leach Woodbury.*
ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY, *Alice Emily Perkins.*

The entire exercise was alike creditable to the teachers and to the several members of the class.

	Spring Term, 1898.	Fall Term, 1898.	Winter Term. 1898.
Average Membership,	34.	39.	38.
Average Attendance,	31.	38.	36.
Per cent. Daily Attendance,	91.	97.	95.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:—

The third year of the Topsfield High School opened last September with an attendance of forty, five more than at any previous time. This large attendance of its High School may well be a source of gratification and pride to the town; and indicates a confidence in your management of the schools of the town, which Mrs. Glover and myself have found to be thoroughly deserved. It seems not out of place to thank you, not only for your kind and generous treatment of us, but also for the watchful interest you have shown in the success of the school, and for the suggestions of possible improvements in it, which you have been free to make.

Our treatment by the pupils, also, is creditable, both to them and to the homes of Topsfield which they represent. Perfection in deportment is perhaps not to be expected in any school; at least it cannot be claimed for the pupils who have come under our charge this year; but of the spirit and disposition which has almost invariably characterized them, we cannot speak too highly. In very many cases a simple, quiet request, to stop doing what was out of order, has been acceded to at once. The willingness manifested to do what is reasonable and right, when shown what this is, has been a constant source of satisfaction to us. We have not tried to stop, at

once, everything that might be considered open to criticism, but have thought it better to allow a greater liberty in the matter of sports and conduct out of school hours, than many, perhaps with good reason, would think desirable. Any error in this direction has been corrected as soon as it was evident that harm was resulting.

Our effort has been directed especially to the cultivation, in the members of the school, of a spirit and a habit of steady, hard work; while much remains to be accomplished in this direction, we feel that our efforts have not been without success, and are hopeful of a still greater degree of success before the end of the year. There is a general disposition to work steadily, during school hours, and a willingness to remain after school to correct or complete school work. If parents could induce their children to study at home a moderate amount of time, many who are now doing only fair work, would have the satisfaction of making a complete success of their school life; and habits of thoroughness and masterful work acquired in these formative years, are likely to mean success in whatever work is undertaken in after life.

In at least two respects, this year has been marked by progress. First, the study of Chemistry has been introduced. At a moderate cost, enough equipment has been provided to enable the teacher to illustrate, quite satisfactorily, the excellent text-book adopted, the new Chemistry, by Mr. Williams, of the Boston English High School. The experiments done by the teacher, with the assistance of numbers of the class, are carefully observed by the class, and a full account of what each has himself actually seen, is at once written in a note book; at the next recitation period, an explanation of the meaning and use of the experiment is written in the note-book, in the recitation-room, and without the help of the text-book. This method comes as near as our room and apparatus will allow, to the method used in schools equipped with a laboratory.

Another real improvement made this year, is the substitution of one year's study of English History, for one of the two years formerly given to General History. The text-book, Montgomery's "Leading Facts of English History," is a clearly written and interesting book, and the class has appeared to enjoy the study very much.

Knowing the need of enlarged accommodations for the school, and your desire to meet this need at an early date, we have asked for no more expenditure for new books and equipment than was absolutely necessary. Much additional apparatus is needed for experiments in Physics and for laboratory work in Physics, Chemistry and Botany, as well as laboratory room in which to work. At the same time, the courses in science are by no means unprofitable under present conditions, and, especially if more room is provided, require only a moderate outlay, if this is wisely and carefully made, in order to be of far greater value.

We would urge the desirability of additions to the school-library, and surely hope that friends will not discontinue the practice, begun in the past, of presenting the school with useful books, and yet the need in this direction is not nearly so great as it would be, were it not for the generous treatment of the teachers and school by the Trustees of the Town Library, as we are allowed to take from the Library, as many volumes at a time, as we wish, for use in connection with the school, and to keep these out as long as they are needed, the Public Library, with its admirable collection of books, becomes, in a real sense, also a library for the High School, while, owing to the amount of work called for thus far in other directions, we have not used this privilege so much as we otherwise should have, we have thoroughly appreciated it, and would mention, with gratitude, the courtesy and kindness shown us by the Librarian. The value to the school of this privilege, when it is used, as it may be, and as we hope, in a far greater degree to use it in the future, cannot but be very great.

Thanking you again in behalf of Mrs. Glover as well as myself, for your kindness to us and for your hearty co-operation and support in what we have tried to do, I am,

Respectfully yours,

LEON O. GLOVER.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS ALICE M. PACKARD, *Teacher.*

The high standard reached the preceding year in this grade has been well maintained. It is a most satisfactory school. The following were graduated in June, the larger number of whom entered the High School in the Fall:

Fred Burnham,	Fred Chandler,	Edgar Cotton,
Karl Curtis	John Dodge,	Nicholas Ellard,
Eva Ferguson,	Percy Higgins,	Alice Jordan,
Murray Mellish,	Wyman Pace,	Alvin Peabody,
Annie Towne,	Mary Welch,	Annie Woodbury.

Average Membership,	28-96.
Average Attendance,	27-19.
Per cent. Daily Attendance,	93-8.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS LIZZIE A. POORE, *Teacher.*

The reduction of the number of scholars has tended to raise the standard in this department. The usual work has been accomplished.

Average Membership,	34.
Average Attendance,	31.
Per cent. Daily Attendance,	91.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS GENIE C. FULLER, *Teacher.*

Excellent results have been achieved in this school. It is still a large school. The practice of entering scholars at different times during the year occasions some difficulties. So far as possible, parents should observe the requirement that pupils be enrolled only at the beginning of the Fall or Spring term.

Average Membership,	42-7.
Average Attendance,	36-4.
Per cent. Daily Attendance,	85-2.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POOR,
BENJ. P. EDWARDS,
W. DONALDSON,
GEO. FRS. DOW,
T. L. JENKINS,
FRANCIS A. POOLE,

School Committee of Topsfield.

Road Surveyors.

WARD 1.	FRED. HODGDON,	WARD 7.	E. T. PHILLIPS,
" 2.	W. B. TAYLOR,	" 8.	I. B. YOUNG,
" 3.	G. F. AVERELL,	" 9.	C. J. AVERELL,
" 4.	A. F. JACKMAN,	" 10.	J. P. MULLIGAN,
" 5.	W. H. WALSH,	" 11.	A. C. BRADSTREET,
" 6.	W. FULLER,	" 12.	G. S. MASON,

WARD 13. FOREST W. RUST.

Surveyors of Lumber.

J. H. POTTER, H. H. ROBERTS, H. R. WILDES.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

JAMES WILSON, WILLIAM PERKINS, J. H. POTTER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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D. A. CONANT, J. A. BLAISDELL.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

E. L. WILDES.

Trustees of Annah Pingree Fund.

GEO. F. AVERELL, J. H. POTTER, J. A. BLAISDELL.

Trustees of Public Library.

A. M. DODGE, 1901,
JUSTIN ALLEN, 1900,
MRS. E. W. HUTCHINGS, 1899,
A. A. CONANT, 1901,
J. B. POOR, 1900,
B. P. EDWARDS, 1899.

Constables.

J. L. FISKE,
C. A. S. KNEELAND.

Town Hall Committee.

C. A. S. KNEELAND, JOHN L. FISKE, E. O. GOULD.

Collector of Taxes.

JOHN L. FISKE.

Auditor.

A. T. MERRILL.

Commissioners of Cemeteries.

CHARLES WINSLOW, 1901, J. PORTER GOULD, 1900,
CHARLES CARMODY, 1899.

Superintendent of Burials.

E. H. FERGUSON.

Fence Viewers.

J. H. POTTER, ALBERT CRAM, E. K. FOSTER.

Field Drivers.

A. S. LANE, E. M. DOW, L. A. PEABODY,
L. L BEALS.

Pound Keeper.

I. M. WOODBURY.

1899.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TOPSFIELD, MASS.

1900.

AUDITOR'S REPORT,

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF TOPSFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 27th,

1900.

TOPSFIELD:
A. T. MERRILL, PRINTER, MAIN STREET.
1900.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1899-1900.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM PERKINS.

Town Treasurer.

W. PITMAN GOULD.

Selectmen.

GFO. FRS. DOW, B. P. PIKE, W. DONALDSON.

Assessors.

S. D. HOOD, J. H. TOWNE, J. B. POOR.

Overseers of the Poor.

G. F. AVERELL, J. A. BLAISDELL,* J. H. POTTER.

School Committee.

FRANCIS A. POOLE, 1902,†
GEO. FRS. DOW, 1901,
J. B. POOR, 1900,
B. P. EDWARDS, 1902,‡
W. DONALDSON, 1901,
T. L. JENKINS, 1900.

*Moved to Danvers, Nov., '99, J. H. Frame elected.
†Moved to Weymouth, Sept., '99, C. J. Peabody elected.
‡Resigned in Nov., '99, vacancy not filled.

Road Surveyors.

WARD 1. F. P. SMERAGE,	WARD 7. E. T. PHILLIPS,
" 2. W. B. TAYLOR,	" 8. I. B. YOUNG,
" 3. G. F. AVERELL,	" 9. E. L. WILDES,
" 4. A. F. JACKMAN,	" 10. M. A. MULLIGAN,
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G. P. DOW.

Pound Keeper.

BENJ. LANE.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births recorded, 14; Males, 4: Females, 10.
Marriage Certificates issued, 8.
Marriages recorded, 10.
Deaths in Town, 17.
Deaths in other Towns, Interment in Topsfield, 10.
Number of Dogs Licensed, 78; Males, 70; Females, 8.

BIRTHS.

1899.		
Feb.	17.	Annie Naomia, daughter to Albert H. and Josie Davison.
March	19.	——— ——— daughter to Luther A. and Nettie Peabody.
March	19.	——— ——— daughter to George Fred and Rosa Durkey.
March	21.	——— ——— son to George W. and Alice Rogers.
March	21.	——— ——— son to John C. and Cora F. Means.
April	9.	Joseph Jerome, son to Archer and Elizabeth Andrews.
May	18.	William C., son to John J. and Caroline Castle.
June	4.	Margaret Theresa, daughter to Wm. H. and Margaret L. Walch.
June	18.	Dorothy Lucy Elizabeth, daughter to J. Stanley and Susan Bell.
June	22.	Ada, daughter to Frank L. and Mary Gilliland.
July	12.	Ruth Marion, daughter to Oscar R. and Nellie Curtis.
Aug.	2.	Alice, daughter to Wilbur F. and Nettie Hood.
Oct.	25.	Muriel, daughter to George M. and Euphromie Ellerson.
Nov.	25.	Ralph W., son to Lyman W. and Mary Wildes.

MARRIAGES.

1899.		
March	5.	Fred G. Smith, of Salem, to Mabel Fuller, of Topsfield.
March	30.	Charles Curtis, of Boxford, to Bertha Lacy, of North Andover.
April	8.	Lewis E. Peabody, to Clara M. White, both of Topsfield.
June	11.	William H. Herring, to Mabel E. Phillips, both of Topsfield.
June	22.	Thomas W. Peirce, of Topsfield, to Alice C. Rogers, of Salem.
July	12.	Willard E. Crosby, to Lydia A. Pitman, both of Danvers.
Aug.	30.	Nathaniel M. Foss, of Topsfield, to Mary Lineham, of Wenham.
Sept.	19.	Harris E. Perkins, to Elizabeth A. Poor, both of Topsfield.
Oct.	25.	Lewis A. Chapman, to Nellie A. Perkins, both of Topsfield.
Dec.	28.	Justin H. Welch, to Abbie J. Gould, both of Topsfield.

DEATHS.

1899.			Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	15.	Rebecca H. Towne,	80	4	23
Jan.	16.	Sarah L. Fowler,	68	0	24
March	14.	Mary J. Phillips,	89	1	14
March	19.	Infant of Luther A. Peabody,	—	—	—
March	22.	Infant of John C. Means,	—	—	—
April	15.	Eben W. Towne,	82	2	4
May	2.	Mary P. Gould,	89	11	16
June	25.	Charles Winslow,	69	7	3
July	9.	Sewel L. Towne,	81	9	12
Aug.	22.	Abram Welch,	57	2	25
Aug.	28.	William Crawford, of Danvers,	56	0	0
Sept.	27.	Wallace C. Castle,	0	4	8
Nov.	3.	Sarah Herrick,	79	0	5
Nov.	18.	George P. Kneeland,	19	3	22
Nov.	25.	Reuben H. Coffin,	67	9	0
Dec.	1.	Lydia T. Annable,	88	7	16
Dec.	11.	Cynthia W. Peterson,	61	1	5

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

1899.				Y.	M.	D.
April	13.	Ashes of Abbie B. Man,	Boston,	75	7	15
April	17.	Benj. L. Bray,	Manchester, N. H.,	32	10	19
April	19.	Octavia Blethen,	Effingham, N. H.,	78	3	19
April	21.	Ashes of George M. Man,	Boston,	41	1	18
June	5.	James C. Sleeper,	Newburyport,	73	2	17
Aug.	5.	Eliza Cotton,	Tamworth,	80	4	27
Aug.	7.	Edna G. Bishop,	Howell, R. I.,	1	5	26
Aug.	13.	Jessie H. Cardnal,	Boston,	26	11	0
Sept.	23.	George E. Peabody,	Lynn,	3	0	15
Sept.	25.	Albert W. Bixby,	Rowley,	—	—	—

WILLIAM PERKINS, *Town Clerk.*

ASSESSORS REPORT.

Number of Polls,	289
Tax on each Poll,	$2.00
Value of Personal Estate,	$258,710.00
Value of Buildings,	$324,010.00
Value of Land,	$232,175.00
Total Valuation,	$814,895.00
Total Tax,	$10,764.82
Rate per $1,000,	$12.50
Number of Horses,	263
" Cows,	582
" Neat Cattle,	87
" Swine,	54
" Fowls,	2,840
" Dwelling Houses,	236
" Acres of Land,	7,275
" Tax Payers,	459
" Tax Payers on Property,	367
" Tax Payers, Poll only,	92

J. B. POOR,
J. H. TOWNE,
S. D. HOOD.
Assessors of Topsfield.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

Registered Voters, Nov. 7, 1899, 261

WILLIAM PERKINS, *Town Clerk.*

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATION, $2,700 00.

HIGH SCHOOL.

L. O. Glover, teaching 40 weeks,	$750 00	
Mrs. L. O. Glover, teaching 40 weeks,	360 00	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., Supplies,	11 05	
		$1,121 05

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Alice M. Packard, teaching 36 weeks,	$363 00	
Lizzie A. Poore, teaching 24 weeks,	216 00	
Genie C. Fuller, teaching 17 weeks,	136 00	
Genie C. Fuller, teaching music 38 weeks,	114 00	
Helen Poor, teaching 18 weeks,	135 00	
Charlotte A. Peabody, teaching 16 weeks,	120 00	
Violet R. Dodge, teaching 16 weeks,	120 00	
Annie H. Edwards, teaching 7 weeks,	21 00	
W. Donaldson, transportation of scholars,	189 50	
L. A. Rust, transportation of scholars,	227 50	
C. W. Floyd, janitor,	110 00	
C. W. Floyd, labor on addition, etc.,	23 57	
		$1,775 57
Amount carried forward,		$2,896 62

Amount brought forward,		$2,896 62

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. L. Dickinson, barge,	$125 00	
Woodbury & Co., coal,	82 50	
F. A. Poole, School Committee,	50 00	
M. P. Doane, painting barge,	28 25	
F. A. Poole, Superintendent, 6 months,	25 00	
Barnard & Co., binding books,	22 70	
A. T. Merrill, printing Reports, Grad. Prog., etc.,	22 00	
Poor & Co., supplies, etc.,	20 48	
H. H. Roberts, labor and stock,	14 14	
G. F. Dow, School Committee,	10 00	
T. L. Jenkins, School Committee,	10 00	
B. P. Edwards, School Committee,	10 00	
W. Donaldson, School Committee,	10 00	
W. Donaldson, School Census,	10 00	
J. B. Poor, School Committee,	10 00	
B. P. Edwards, Secretary School Committee,	5 00	
J. B. Poor, supplies, School Committee,	5 00	
A. A. Conant, flag,	5 00	
W. H. Herring, painting,	5 00	
T. L. Jenkins, on School Bill, State House,	5 00	
J. F. Porter, curtains, etc.,	3 55	
F. Hodgdon, labor,	3 06	
W. H. Walsh, removing stone,	2 00	
Genie C. Fuller, music,	84	
		$484 52
Amount carried forward,		$3,381 14

Amount brought forward,	$3,381 14

CENTRE SCHOOL ADDITION.

H. H. Roberts, labor and stock,	$927 91	
A. B. Richardson, labor and stock,	162 26	
Poor & Co., supplies, etc.,	26 31	
J. F. Porter, curtains, etc.,	14 35	
D. W. Allen, desks, etc.,	11 25	
E. C. Blanchard, mason work,	4 68	
A. T. Merrill, printing, school house sales,	2 00	
		$1,148 76

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

APPROPRIATION, $300 00.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	$121 23	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	17 93	
Ginn & Co.,	4 73	
		$143 89
		$4,673 79

HIGHWAYS.

APPROPRIATION $1,500 00.

WARD 1.

F. P. Smerage, *Surveyor.*

F. P. Smerage,	labor,	$58 24	
F. Smerage,	"	28 20	
A. W. Pace,	"	20 21	
I. M. Woodbury,	"	9 40	
C. W. Floyd,	"	9 01	
A. Welch,	"	8 90	
F. Hodgdon,	"	8 50	
Amos Fuller,	"	8 50	
F. E. Watson,	"	8 16	
C. F. Welch,	"	6 80	
W. H. Walsh,	"	5 10	
C. A. Tibbetts,	"	5 10	
M. Collins,	"	4 80	
E. E. Ferguson,	"	3 76	
H. E. Taylor,	"	3 40	
N. Ellard,	"	3 40	
A. W. Conant,	"	2 55	
D. A. Conant,	"	1 70	
A. F. Day,	"	1 70	
A. H. Todd,	"	85	
			$198 28

BRIDGES.

J. H. Potter, stock and labor,	$18 94	
		$18 94

GRAVEL.

G. Little,	$8 50	
		$8 50
Amount carried forward,		*$225 72*

Amount brought forward,				$225 72

REMOVING SNOW,

F. Hodgdon,	labor,	1898-9,	$20 40	
M. Collins,	"	"	17 55	
A. F. Day,	"	"	13 20	
A. Welch,	"	"	12 60	
C. W. Floyd,	"	"	12 00	
A. L. Hodgdon,	"	"	11 60	
A. H. Todd,	"	"	9 40	
R. J. Welch,	"	"	8 00	
C. A. Tibbetts,	"	"	8 00	
L. A. Peabody,	"	"	8 00	
E. E. Smith,	"	"	4 80	
I. M. Woodbury,	"	"	4 40	
H. F. Long,	"	"	3 70	
A. E. Kneeland,	"	"	3 20	
F. Curtis,	"	"	3 20	
Thos. Kelley,	"	"	3 00	
C. H. Smith,	"	"	3 00	
J. H. Welch,	"	"	2 00	
J. C. Means,	"	"	1 00	
Wm. Crawford,	"	"	1 00	
R. Collins,	"	"	50	
F. P. Smerage	"	1900	3 15	
C. A. Tibbetts,	"	"	2 00	
				$155 70
				$381 42

WARD 2.

W. B. Taylor, *Surveyor.*

W. B. Taylor,	labor,	$43 86	
M. Collins,	"	26 55	
F. L. Gilliland,	"	15 99	
F. P. Smerage,	"	14 10	
I. M. Woodbury,	"	14 10	
A. W. Pace,	"	14 10	
F. Smerage,	"	14 10	
H. Dunleigh,	"	11 10	
W. D. Hooe,	"	10 88	
W. H. Walsh,	"	10 20	
I. B. Young,	"	9 40	
H. A. Lefavour,	"	5 10	
G. Sweeney,	"	4 93	
A. C. Andrews,	"	4 70	
H. E. Taylor,	"	3 40	
C. W. Lefavour,	"	3 40	
A. Fuller,	"	3 40	
F. Hodgdon,	"	3 40	
A. Welch,	"	3 40	
C. H. Lake,	"	3 20	
N. Ellard,	"	1 70	
W. H. Kneeland,	"	1 02	
T. F. Farrell,	"	85	
			$222 88

BRIDGES.

C. Mckinnon, labor, etc.,	$106 00	
J. H. Potter, labor and stock,	37 44	
F. Gilliland, labor,	51	
		$143 95
Amount carried forward,		$366 83

Amount brought forward,				$366 83

REMOVING SNOW.

F. P. Smerage,	labor,	1898-9,	$21 10	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	16 60	
C. F. Welch,	"	"	12 90	
F. E. Watson,	"	"	9 40	
J. N. McPhee,	"	"	8 80	
N. Ellard,	"	"	8 30	
G. P. Dow,	"	"	7 00	
I. B. Lane,	"	"	4 20	
H. W. Lake,	"	"	1 80	
R. H. Silliman,	"	"	1 10	
H. Lake,	"	"	1 00	
A. P. Gould,	"	"	80	
				$93 00
				$459 83

WARD 3.

G. F. Averell, *Surveyor.*

G. F. Averell,	labor,	$28 98	
F. H. Towne,	"	24 96	
M. Bradstreet,	"	14 45	
B. J. Balch,	"	8 87	
B. P. Pike,	"	3 77	
			$81 03

BRIDGES.

J. H. Potter, labor and stock,	$1 50	
		$1 50

GRAVEL.

F. H. Towne,	$5 00	
		$5 00
Amount carried forward,		$87 53

Amount brought forward,				$87 53

REMOVING SNOW.

G. F. Averell,	labor,	1898-9,	$45 60	
W. L. Batchelder,	"	"	30 70	
S. W. Averell,	"	"	17 10	
F. W. Trask,	"	"	15 80	
T. W. Peirce,	"	"	13 80	
W. N. Benton,	"	"	7 40	
W. S. Peterson,	"	"	7 20	
M. Bradstreet,	"	"	7 20	
G. F. Durkee,	"	"	6 00	
C. V. Jackman,	"	"	5 80	
A. F. Jackman,	"	"	5 80	
B. P. Pike,	"	"	5 30	
J. J. Jackman,	"	"	5 20	
F. H. Towne,	"	"	3 95	
L. F. Fowler,	"	"	3 40	
A. P. Howe,	"	"	2 00	
B. J. Balch,	"	"	1 00	
				$183 25
				$270 78

WARD 4.

A. F. Jackman, *Surveyor.*

C. V. Jackman,	labor,	$49 80	
B. P. Pike,	"	12 28	
G. F. Durkee,	"	11 70	
			$73 78

BRIDGES.

B. P. Pike,	labor,	$5 50	
			$5 50
Amount carried forward,			$79 28

Amount brought forward,				$79 28

REMOVING SNOW.

W. L. Batchelder,	labor,	1898-9,	$25 40	
C. V. Jackman,	"	"	15 60	
W. N. Benton,	"	"	8 40	
G. F. Durkee,	"	"	5 50	
B. P. Pike,	"	"	5 50	
W. S. Peterson,	"	"	5 00	
J. J. Jackman,	"	"	5 00	
A. F. Jackman,	"	"	4 90	
L. F. Fowler,	"	"	2 20	
				$77 50
				$156 78

WARD 5.

J. H. Frame, *Surveyor.*

H. Dunleigh,	labor,	$21 74	
T. F. Cass,	"	13 85	
J. H. Frame,	"	8 50	
M. Collins,	"	8 00	
F. Hodgdon,	"	7 65	
I. M. Woodbury,	"	7 05	
A. W. Conant,	"	5 00	
F. P. Smerage,	"	4 70	
D. A. Conant,	"	4 25	
H. W. Lake,	"	3 40	
A. Welch,	"	2 55	
Amount carried forward,			$86 69

Amount brought forward,				$86 69

REMOVING SNOW.

T. F. Cass,	labor,	1898-9,	$24 70	
H. P. Dunleigh,	"	"	18 05	
W. H. Walsh,	"	"	11 60	
H. W. Lake,	"	"	10 80	
A. A. Gould,	"	"	8 60	
J. L. Dodge,	"	"	5 00	
C. H. Lake,	"	"	3 90	
A. P. Gould,	"	"	3 20	
A. Fuller,	"	"	2 20	
C. L. Dame,	"	"	1 50	
F. P. Smerage,	"	"	35	
				$89 90
				$176 59

WARD 6.

J. A. Blaisdell and T. J. Fuller, *Surveyors.*

J. A. Blaisdell,	labor,	$48 32	
H. Hamilton,	"	12 92	
T. J. Fuller,	"	9 40	
H. Ray,	"	9 01	
G. Sweeney,	"	7 65	
J. Stark,	"	7 05	
A. Fuller,	"	3 40	
F. P. Smerage,	"	1 05	
			$98 80

BRIDGES.

J. H. Potter, stock and labor,	$13 85	
Poor & Co., supplies,	3 25	
		$17 10
Amount carried forward,		$115 90

Amount brought forward,		$115 90

GRAVEL.

G. Little,	$11 30	
G. A. Frame,	3 00	
		$14 30

REMOVING SNOW.

T. J. Fuller,	labor,	1898-9,	$27 33	
J. W. Fuller,	"	"	14 29	
J. A. Blaisdell,	"	"	10 20	
J. Stark,	"	"	9 66	
H. D. Bradstreet,	"	"	7 00	
H. Hamilton,	"	"	6 40	
G. H. Sweeney,	"	"	4 60	
A. Fuller,	"	"	4 30	
H. Ray,	"	"	3 60	
C. W. Stark,	"	"	2 10	
C. Curtis,	"	"	2 04	
G. Little,	"	"	1 50	
F. C. Burnham,	"	"	80	
G. W. Burnham,	"	"	80	
				$94 62
				$224 82

WARD 7.

E. T. Phillips *Surveyor.*

E. T. Phillips,	labor,	$22 47	
A. W. Phillips,	"	18 64	
H. R. White,	"	8 75	
H. M. Andrews,	"	8 33	
I. M. Woodbury,	"	7 05	
S. E. Deland,	"	4 93	
E. E. Gunnison,	"	4 77	
S. M. Phillips,	"	4 50	
I. B. Young,	"	4 47	
A. Welch,	"	1 70	
E. H. Ferguson,	"	1 50	
			$87 11

GRAVEL.

E. T. Phillips,	$1 50	
		$1 50

REMOVING SNOW.

F. Smerage,	labor,	1898-9,	$14 80	
A. W. Phillips,	"	"	7 20	
H. R. White,	"	"	7 20	
E. T. Phillips,	"	"	4 20	
G. C. Cotton,	"	"	4 20	
R. Smerage,	"	"	3 70	
E. E. Gunnison,	"	"	2 40	
S. E. Deland,	"	"	2 40	
C. Carmody,	"	"	2 20	
F. E. Gould,	"	"	1 80	
H. A. Lefavour,	"	"	1 60	
A. W. Carter,	"	"	1 40	
A. Welch,	"	"	70	
N. Ellard,	"	"	60	
				$54 40
				$143 01

WARD 8.

I. B. Young, *Surveyor.*

I. B. Young,	labor,	$28 00	
C. Carmody,	"	16 49	
A. W. Conant,	"	13 23	
D. A. Conant,	"	12 92	
A. B. Hills,	"	9 27	
F. Smerage,	"	8 00	
H. R. White,	"	7 81	
H. O. Cram,	"	5 55	
A. H. Davison,	"	4 70	
R. F. Frame,	"	3 32	
F. L. Gardner,	"	3 15	
C. E. Giles,	"	2 55	
F. A. Magraw,	"	2 30	
A. H. Magraw,	"	68	
			$117 97

BRIDGES.

I. B. Young,	labor,	$10 58	
C. J. Averill,	"	5 97	
A. W. Conant,	"	3 57	
D. A. Conant,	"	3 57	
R. F. Frame,	"	3 23	
W. Donaldson,	"	2 45	
			$29 37

GRAVEL.

B. P. Pike, measuring and bounding pit,	$2 00	
		$2 00
Amount carried forward,		$149 34

Amount brought forward, $149 34

REMOVING SNOW.

I. B. Young,	labor,	1898-9,	$20 85	
H. O. Cram,	"	"	17 55	
A. B. Hills,	"	"	12 00	
R. Frame,	"	"	8 00	
C. McGinnis,	"	"	7 75	
A. H. Magraw,	"	"	7 35	
J. W. Magraw,	"	"	7 25	
F. A. Magraw,	"	"	7 25	
D. A. Conant,	"	"	6 60	
A. W. Conant,	"	"	5 30	
A. Peabody,	"	"	5 20	
F. Smerage,	"	"	4 90	
H. R. White,	"	"	4 70	
F. F. Lefavour,	"	"	3 40	
C. W. Lefavour,	"	"	2 60	
A. H. Davison,	"	"	2 20	
F. C. Frame,	"	"	1 80	
R. Smerage,	"	"	1 80	
F. E. Gould,	"	"	1 40	
H. A. Lefavour,	"	"	1 20	
L. Stone,	"	"	40	
I. B. Young,	"	1900,	1 50	
				$131 00
				$280 34

WARD 9.

E. L. Wildes, *Surveyor.*

E. L. Wildes,	labor,		$51 77	
J. A. Lamson,	"		25 84	
C. Smith,	"		5 80	
C. J. Averill,	"		3 76	
B. J. Mulligan,	"		1 36	
A. A. Morse,	"	1898,	1 53	
Amount carried forward,				$90 06

Amount brought forward,		$90 06

BRIDGES.

J. H. Potter, stock and labor,	$23 01	
Poor & Co., drain pipe,	4 80	
W. Donaldson, labor,	1 47	
		$29 28

REMOVING SNOW.

C. J. Averill,	labor,	1898-9,	$45 20	
J. A. Lamson,	"	"	19 50	
F. A. Averill,	"	"	14 00	
S. A. Foster,	"	"	12 10	
F. D. Bell,	"	"	10 00	
W. S. Bell,	"	"	10 00	
J. S. Bell,	"	"	8 50	
E. L. Wildes,	"	"	6 80	
G. M. Bradford,	"	"	5 95	
F. T. Benton,	"	"	5 40	
N. J. Foss,	"	"	4 20	
G. Tibbetts,	"	"	4 20	
A. H. Davison,	"	"	2 10	
G. W. Rogers,	"	"	2 10	
				$150 05
				$269 39

WARD 10.

M. A. Mulligan, *Surveyor.*

B. Mulligan,	labor,		$28 14	
C. J. Averill,	"		18 80	
M. A. Mulligan,	"		8 16	
J. P. Mulligan,	"		6 80	
F. T. Benton,	"		6 80	
E. P. Ferguson,	"		4 81	
B. J. Mulligan,	"		2 72	
F. Smerage,	"		2 35	
G. C. Donaldson,	"		1 53	
E. A. Mulligan,	"		1 19	
C. Andrews,	"	1898,	85	
				$82 15

BRIDGES.

J. H. Potter, stock and labor,			$1 25	
				$1 25

REMOVING SNOW.

E. P. Ferguson,	labor,	1898-9,	$19 26	
A. H. Davison,	"	"	18 10	
B. Mulligan,	"	"	17 10	
M. A. Mulligan,	"	"	14 80	
I. R. Andrews,	"	"	10 60	
C. Andrews,	"	"	10 20	
G. C. Donaldson,	"	"	7 40	
J. E. Sleeper,	"	"	6 60	
E. A. Mulligan,	"	"	5 80	
F. T. Benton,	"	"	3 40	
F. Fredericks,	"	"	2 80	
H. R. White,	"	"	80	
				$116 86
				$200 26

WARD 11.

J. P. Perkins, *Surveyor.*

J. P. Perkins,	labor,	$46 16	
E. P. Ferguson,	"	8 17	
I. R. Andrews,	"	6 58	
			$60 91

GRAVEL.

J. P. Perkins,		$1 40	
			$1 40

REMOVING SNOW.

A. Andrews,	labor,	1898-9	$7 05	
J. P. Perkins,	"	"	6 60	
J. J. Watson,	"	"	5 70	
O. Monson,	"	"	4 60	
H. S. Pierce,	"	"	4 00	
T. A. Pierce,	"	"	3 80	
W. Pace,	"	"	2 80	
S. M. Pierce,	"	"	2 00	
				$36 55
				$98 86

WARD 12.

A. A. Towne, *Surveyor.*

J. N. Towne,	labor,	$9 49	
G. S. Mason,	"	4 41	
M. Collins,	"	3 20	
J. C. Callowhill,	"	1 19	
Amount carried forward,			$18 29

Amount brought forward,				$18 29
H. E. Mason,	labor,	1898-9,	$23 90	
G. S. Mason,	"	"	20 10	
A. A. Towne,	"	"	16 50	
J. N. Towne,	"	"	10 20	
M. Collins,	"	"	5 80	
H. Lewis,	"	"	3 60	
S. M. Pierce,	"	"	2 50	
H. S. Pierce,	"	"	2 00	
				$84 60
				$102 89

WARD 13.

F. W. Rust, *Surveyor.*

L. A. Rust,	labor,	$22 94	
A. P. Peabody,	"	19 78	
J. W. Dwinell,	"	10 92	
F. W. Rust,	"	7 02	
M. Bradstreet,	"	5 87	
W. H. Homan,	"	3 40	
W. A. Dwinell,	"	1 53	
J. N. Towne,	"	60	
			$72 06

GRAVEL.

C. Putnum,	$10 70	
		$10 70
Amount carried forward,		$82 76

Amount brought forward,				$82 76

REMOVING SNOW.

L. A. Rust,	labor,	1898-9,	$10 30	
F. W. Rust,	"	"	11 10	
C. J. Peabody,	"	"	6 10	
A. P. Peabody,	"	"	5 60	
C. E. Stickney,	"	"	5 10	
N. McLeod,	"	"	4 90	
				$43 10
				$125 86

HIGHWAY MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Nichols, survey Val. Rd., (½ paid by County)	$45 00	
Pingree Farm, River Hill, special,	20 40	
J. B. Poor, supplies, Rd. Machine,	1 42	
I. B. Young, post and labor on Guide Board,	75	
B. P. Pike, express on Rd. Machine,	20	
		$67 77

BRIDGE MISCELLANEOUS.

G. P. Frame, 7,235 ft. Plank,	$146 43	
J. H. Potter, 2,394 ft. Plank,	43 09	
S. W. Howe, 1,200 ft. Stringers, etc.,	25 40	
J. H. Potter, stock and labor,	6 75	
J. B. Poor, drain pipe,	3 60	
M. Bradstreet, labor, 1898,	3 57	
Poor & Co., supplies,	1 70	
		$230 54
		298 31

SIDEWALKS.

APPROPRIATION, $150 00.

F. P. Smerage,	labor,	Ward	I,	$27 75	
C. W. Floyd,	"	"	I,	12 58	
M. Collins,	"	"	I,	8 96	
F. E. Watson,	"	"	I,	7 48	
A. Welch,	"	"	I,	5 10	
A. W. Pace,	"	"	I,	4 70	
W. D. Hooe,	"	"	I,	3 06	
H. M. Andrews,	"	"	I,	2 56	
F. Hodgdon,	"	"	I,	2 55	
W. H. Kneeland,	"	"	I,	2 21	
A. F. Day,	"	"	I,	1 70	
N. Ellard,	"	"	I,	1 70	
A. Fuller,	"	"	I,	1 53	
A. H. Todd,	"	"	I,	85	
M. Collins,	"	"	V,	4 80	
F. P. Smerage,	"	"	V,	4 70	
J. H. Frame,	"	"	V,	3 55	
W. B. Taylor,	"	"	V,	1 70	
E. T. Phillips,	"	"	VII,	25	
					$97 73

CONCRETING.

APPROPRIATION $75 00.

L. M. Littlefield,	G. F. Dow,	$8 75	
L. M. Littlefield,	E. H. Clifford,	8 75	
	Half Cost,		$17 50

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

APPROPRIATION, $1,700 00.

Poor Outside The Farm.

J. B. Poor, groceries,	Foss family,	$130 00	
T. L. Jenkins, M. D., med. attend.,	"	42 00	
M. S. Kimball, dry goods,	"	40 13	
J. L. Fiske, shoes, etc.,	"	7 65	
J. Allen, M. D., vaccinating,	"	2 00	
C. I. Trowbridge, groceries, W. E. Davis,		8 94	
W. A. Long, carriage hire, Salem, Beverly, Ipswich,		13 00	
Danvers Insane Hospital, board, C. A. Foster,		169 47	
			$413 19

Poor At The Farm.

D. O. Nelson,	Salary,	$350 00	
M. E. W. Floyd,	labor,	39 00	
J. B. Poor,	grain,	340 91	
J. B. Poor,	groceries,	156 59	
M. S. Kimball,	groceries,	146 93	
C. I. Trowbridge,	groceries,	101 61	
J. Gilday,	provisions,	97 00	
J. H. Bradstreet,	provisions,	39 52	
H. C. Atkinson,	fish,	22 77	
D. P. Pingree,	provisions,	5 23	
C. H. Leach,	provisions,	4 31	
T. L. Jenkins,	Medical Attendance,	4 50	
J. R. MacCormack,	Insurance,	50 00	
H. L. Tenney,	balance on horse trade,	50 00	
J. A. McLaughlin,	Range,	26 00	
			$1,434 37
Amount carried forward,			$1,847 56

Amount brought forward,			$1,847 56
J. J. Hardy,	Harness,	$25 00	
J. A. Blaisdell,	balance on Cow trade,	20 00	
J. A. Blaisdell,	" " "	17 00	
B. P. Edwards,	Medicine,	15 37	
Knight & Thomas,	Extinguisher,	13 50	
B. P. Edwards,	Medicine,	13 10	
J. A. Blaisdell,	100 ft. hose, etc.,	13 00	
Woodbury & Co.,	Coal,	12 04	
I. P. Long,	shoeing and repairs,	10 85	
J. A. McLaughlin,	labor and stock,	10 59	
I. P. Long,	repairs,	10 45	
Woodbury & Co.,	Coal,	6 25	
J. E. Ropes,	Wringer and shelf,	4 25	
J. A. McLaughlin,	repairs, etc.,	3 85	
" "	stove ware,	2 65	
J. Allen, M. D.,	Medical attendance,	1 50	
			$179 40
Total amount paid from Town Treasury,			$2,026 96

Expenditures of Superintendent.

Paid, Town Treasurer,	$713 33	
J. E. Sleeper, 8 months labor,	160 00	
~~M. E. W. Floyd,~~ labor in House,	111 00	
Fertilizer,	36 65	
Labor on Farm,	34 00	
J. Gilday, for Provisions,	25 67	
Dr. Moore,	20 00	
J. Bradstreet, for Provisions,	19 16	
Horse Rake,	18 00	
Balance on Cow trade,	15 00	
Grinding Corn,	12 63	
Amount carried forward,		$1,165 44

Amount brought forward,		$1,165 44
Weeder,	$12 00	
Grain,	10 00	
Sundries,	9 91	
Seed and Exp.	9 23	
Cutting 10 Cords of Wood,	9 00	
Cultivator,	8 00	
Tin ware,	7 72	
I. P. Long, Blacksmith work,	7 25	
Blankets,	6 50	
Plough,	6 00	
Seed Sower,	6 00	
Pullets and Rooster,	5 75	
J. J. Hardy, Repairs on Harness,	4 75	
Cloth,	4 62	
Wood,	4 50	
J. Wilson, Repairs on Wagon,	4 05	
Ditching,	4 00	
Standing Grass,	4 00	
Soap,	3 75	
Repairing Wagon,	3 55	
Repairs on Tin ware and Stove,	3 50	
Tools,	3 04	
Hauling Hay,	3 00	
Boots,	3 00	
Curing Hams,	2 75	
Making Cider,	2 68	
Oil Cloth,	2 60	
Curtains and Fixtures,	2 50	
Bread and Crackers,	2 29	
Shirts,	2 10	
Use of Pig,	2 00	
Pants,	2 00	
Plough Points,	1 60	
Wringer,	1 50	
Tea,	1 50	
Phosphate,	1 50	
Calico,	1 25	
Churns,	1 25	
Lime,	1 20	
		$171 84
Amount carried forward,		$1,337 28

Amount brought forward,		$1,337 28
Clams,	$1 00	
Clock,	87	
Stove Lining,	80	
Telephone,	80	
Nails,	60	
Axe Handles,	50	
Steel Yards,	50	
Strawberry Boxes,	50	
Filing Saws,	50	
Beef,	44	
Paper,	40	
Weighing Hay,	30	
Oil Can,	25	
Whip,	25	
Pins and Buttons,	23	
Blacking,	20	
		$8 14
		$1,345 42

Receipts of Superintendent.

Cash on hand Jan. 26, 1899,	$36 71	
Sales, etc., Milk,	910 90	
Pigs and Pork,	77 01	
Potatoes,	72 78	
Hay,	46 70	
Calves,	36 19	
Vegetables,	31 02	
Apples,	26 54	
Eggs,	26 53	
Strawberries,	25 00	
Balance on Cows,	17 00	
Board,	15 00	
Use of Stock,	9 00	
Onions,	6 90	
Carrying Milk,	4 44	
Pasturing Heifer,	3 50	
Due from Town Treasurer,	20	
		$1,345 42

DISTRIBUTION OF THE INTEREST OF THE ANNAH PINGREE FUND.

DR.

To Cash on hand Jan. 26, 1899,	$4 42	
To Interest on Fund for 1900,	250 00	
		$254 42

CR.

By 13 Families and Individuals aided with Money and Supplies,	$146 25	
By Balance on hand, Feb. 17, 1900,	108 17	
		$254 42

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. AVERELL,

J. H. POTTER, *Overseers of the Poor.*

Number of Poor at the Farm,	3
Present Number,	3
Average "	3
Number of Tramps during the year,	412

SUMMARY.

Expense of Poor, 1899-1900.

Amount drawn from Town Treasurer,		$2,026 96
Amount due Supt., from Town Treas.,		20
Less due from Gloucester, Foss family,	$221 78	
" received from C. A. Foster estate,	126 75	
" paid Town Treasurer, by Supt.,	713 33	
" Error in Overseer's Account,	37 00	
		$1,098 86
Net cost of Poor,		$928 30

Expense of Farm.

Amount paid for Poor at the Farm,		$1,613 77
Amount due Supt., from Town Treas.,		20
Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$713 33	
Less Lodging and Feeding 412 Tramps,	103 00	
" Error in Overseers Account,	37 00	
		$853 33
		$760 64

Inventory of Personal Property at Town Farm.

Eleven Cows,	$540 00	
Carts, Wagons and Tools,	350 00	
Household Furniture,	200 00	
Two Horses,	200 00	
Six Tons English Hay,	108 00	
One Hundred and Sixty-eight Bushels of Corn,	84 00	
One Hundred Bushels of Potatoes,	65 00	
Six Tons Meadow Hay,	48 00	
Twelve Cords of Fire Wood,	48 00	
Four Tons of Salt Hay,	32 00	
Two Heifers,	30 00	
Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Ham and Pork,	22 92	
One Bull,	20 00	
Meal and Feed,	16 00	
Two and One-half Tons of Coal,	15 38	
Eighty Gallons of Vinegar,	12 00	
Ninety Gallons of Cider,	10 80	
Apples, Onions and Fertilizer,	10 25	
One Hog,	10 00	
Two Barrels of Flour,	9 50	
Beans and other Vegetables,	9 00	
One Ton of Rowen,	8 00	
Two Barrels of Crackers,	5 75	
Sugar,	5 00	
Small Groceries,	5 00	
Fifteen Pounds of Butter,	4 50	
Fifty Pounds of Lard,	4 00	
Eight Gallons of Oil,	96	
		$1,874 06

STATE AID, CHAP. 301, ACTS 1889.

E. P. Averill,	$48 00
Addie A. Clarke,	48 00
Francis Curtis,	48 00
Elizabeth M. Deland,	48 00
E. Otis Gould,	48 00
Wm. H. Kneeland,	48 00
Wm. H. Munday,	48 00
Sarah Smith,	48 00
Elizabeth D. Kneeland,	48 00
Nath'l. N. Foss,	45 00
Rebecca E. Blaisdell,	36 00
Benj. C. Dodd,	36 00
Daniel Fuller,	36 00
Elizabeth C. Floyd,	36 00
Erwin T. Phillips,	36 00
Wm. H. Wildes,	36 00
Enos Fuller,	36 00
Maria J. Hobbs,	24 00
Mary J. Roberts,	24 00
Louisa J. Welch,	24 00
G. W. Metcalf,	4 00
	$805 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

APPROPRIATION $50 00.

E. M. Hoyt, M. D., Med. Atten.,	A. W. Bixby,	$43 50
E. H. Ferguson, Burial,	"	41 50
M. N. Boardman, Groceries,	"	38 00
R B. Root, M. D., Med. Atten.,	"	11 85
H. P. Poor, Provisions,	"	7 00
E. A. Sly, Care, etc.,	"	5 90
B. P. Pike, Journeys,	"	4 00
C. W. Thwing, Provisions,	"	3 00
S. E. Thayer, M. D., Med. Atten.,	R. Coffin,	26 00
M. T. Robinson, Board,	"	24 00
S. A. Foster, Board, etc.,	"	20 00
T. L. Jenkins, M. D., Med. Atten.,	"	1 50
		$226 25

TOWN HALL.

APPROPRIATION, $200 00.

EXPENDITURES, 1899-1900.

T. G. Pinnock,	Slating Roof,	$75 38	
Smith & Anthony Co.,	Repairs on Furnace,	65 80	
Woodbury & Co.,	Coal,	61 00	
F. E. Watson,	Janitor,	32 40	
L. A. Peabody,	Janitor,	23 50	
Poor & Co.,	Supplies,	13 47	
W. H. Kneeland,	Janitor,	10 85	
H. H. Roberts,	Labor and Stock,	9 72	
I. M. Woodbury,	Wood,	9 75	
H. E. Sturgis,	Oil,	9 50	
L. A. Peabody,	Labor,	8 50	
C. F. Aiken,	Repairs on Furnace,	8 40	
L. A. Peabody,	Winding Clock, '98-'99,	5 75	
J. H. Dodge,	Winding Clock,	5 00	
C. A. S. Kneeland,	Labor, etc.,	3 75	
W. J. Lefavour,	Repair and Tune Piano,	3 50	
F. E. Watson,	Care of Clock,	2 50	
T. M. Connell,	Tune Piano,	2 00	
Total cost of Town Hall and Clock,			$350 77
Less Rentals,		$46 30	
" Uncollected,		7 00	
			$53 30
Net cost for year ending Jan. 27, 1900,			$297 47

ABATEMENTS.

J. L. Fiske,	1898,	$20 00	
			$20 00

TAXES.

E. K. Jenkins, Treas., County Tax,	$627 22	
E. P. Shaw, State Tax,	435 00	
Town of Boxford, Taxes,	3 06	
Town of Ipswich, Taxes,	49	
		$1,065 77

Police and Court Fees.

J. L. Fiske, Serving Warrants, etc.,	$11 00	
J. L. Fiske, Special, '98,	4 00	
W. H. Kneeland, Special, July 3-4, '98,	4 00	
C. A. S. Kneeland, Special, July 3-4, '98,	4 00	
C. C. Patch, Danvers, Care of Prisoner,	3 40	
		$26 40

Fire Wards.

Knight & Thomas, 2 Extinguishers, etc.,	$55 00	
J. H. Potter, Stock, H. & L. House,	5 69	
W. A. Long, Carriage Hire,	3 00	
Cochrane Chemical Co., Supplies,	2 72	
C. A. S. Kneeland, Freight and Supplies,	1 75	
A. S. Lane,	1 50	
L. A. Peabody, Labor, H. & L. House,	1 00	
		$70 66

NOTES.

Danvers Savings Banks,	$2,000 00	
Caroline H. Towne,	500 00	
		$2,500 00

Interest.

APPROPRIATION, $875 00.

Esther P., and J. H. Towne,	$325 00	
Annah Pingree Fund,	250 00	
Mary T. Perkins,	85 00	
Caroline H. Towne,	25 00	
Danvers Savings Bank,	22 12	
Deborah Kimball Fund,	25 00	
W. P. Gould, Unexpended Int. on Cem. Funds,	3 65	
		$735 77

TOWN OFFICERS.

APPROPRIATION, $725 00.

J. L. Fiske, Tax Collector,	$150 00
W. Pitman Gould, Treasurer,	100 00
S. D. Hood, Assessor,	35 00
J. H. Towne, Assessor,	35 00
J. B. Poor, Assessor,	35 00
G. F. Dow, Selectman,	35 00
B. P. Pike, Selectman,	30 00
W. Donaldson, Selectman,	30 00
Wm. Perkins, Town Clerk,	25 00
A. T. Merrill, Auditor,	25 00
J. A. Blaisdell, Jour., out of Town and Cash Paid,	19 50
Wm. Perkins, Registrar,	15 00
C. A. S. Kneeland, Serving Dog Warrants,	10 00
B. P. Pike, State Aid,	8 00
J. A. Blaisdell, Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
G. F. Dow, Registrar,	5 00
G. F. Dow, Board of Health,	5 00
B. P. Pike, Registrar,	5 00
B. P. Pike, Board of Health,	5 00
W. Donaldson, Secretary, Selectmen,	5 00
W. Donaldson, Registrar,	5 00
W. Donaldson, Board of Health,	5 00
E. O. Gould, Town Hall Committee,	5 00
J. L. Fiske, Town Hall Committee,	5 00
C. W. Floyd, Election Officer,	3 00
A. B. Richardson, Election Officer,	3 00
C. A. S. Kneeland, Election Officer,	3 00
J. B. Poor, Election Officer, '98,	3 00
J. B. Poor, Election Officer, '99,	3 00
	$617 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. T. Merrill, Printing Town Reports,	$102	60
A. S. Cram, Gravel Land,	100	00
Derby Desk Co., Table for Selectmen's Room,	26	00
A. T. Merrill, Printing for Town Officers,	25	13
E. L. Wildes, Inspector of Cattle,	17	40
Wm. Perkins, Recording Births, Marriages, Deaths	13	90
Wm. Perkins, Stationery, etc.,	11	10
G. Tyler & Co., Blade for Road Machine,	8	00
B. P. Pike, Attending Hearings,	6	00
W. Donaldson, Attending Hearings,	6	00
L. A. Peabody, Painting Road Machine,	5	00
A. M. Dodge, Legal Services,	4	00
G. F. Dow, Attending Hearings,	4	00
W. Pitman Gould, Postage, etc.,	3	85
G. F. Dow, Entering Highway Petition,	3	00
A. T. Merrill, Envelopes and Postage,	2	75
J. Allen, M. D., Returning Births,	2	25
A. Welch, repairs on Town Pasture Fence,	1	36
W. A. Long, Carriage Hire, Valley Road,	2	00
J. B. Poor, Collector's Book,	1	25
T. L. Jenkins, M. D., Returning Births, '98,	1	25
B. P. Edwards, Executing Deed,	1	00
G. F. Dow, Postage and Stationery,		65
G. F. Dow, Drawing Deed,		50
B. P. Pike, Postage,		50
W. Donaldson, Postage,		40
G. F. Dow, Freight and Express,		40
B. P. Edwards, Blank Books,		35
E. P. Shaw, License,		25
G. F. Dow, Pens and Pen Holders,		25
	$351	14

Memorial Committee.

APPROPRIATION, $50 00.

Appropriation,	$50 00	
I. O. O. F., and Rebekah Lodge,	2 79	
		$52 79

Orpheus Quartette,	$12 00	
Danvers Drum Corps,	11 50	
E. & C. Woodman, Plants,	6 37	
M. E. Ellard, Reader,	5 00	
J. A. Blaisdell, paid Town Treas., balance,	4 62	
J. A. Blaisdell, Postals and Express,	3 20	
Stanwood School, Wreaths,	2 50	
E. A. Mackintire, Flags,	2 10	
H. B. Smith, Hotel Bill,	2 00	
A. T. Merrill, Printing,	1 50	
W. A. Long, Carriage Hire,	1 50	
Wm. Perkins, Printing,	50	
		$52 79

Public Library.

APPROPRIATION, $75 00.

A. A. Conant, Appropriation,	$75 00	
F. E. Watson, Janitor,	31 25	
L. A. Peabody, Janitor,	16 68	
F. Balch, Door Lock and Labor,	2 05	
		$124 98

Report of Tax Collector.

1898.

Dr.

To Tax List uncollected last report,	$432 17	$432 17

Cr.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$432 17	$432 17

1899.

Dr.

To Tax List, 1899, for collection,		$10,764 82

Cr.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer,	$10,245 00	
By Taxes to be collected,	519 82	
		$10,764 82

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. FISKE,

Tax Collector.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I have examined the Accounts of the various Town Officers for the year ending Jan. 27, 1900, and find them correct, with satisfactory vouchers for same, with the exception of the Board of Overseers, and I would suggest that the town insist that the Board keep a true and accurate account of all money received or expended by them, as well as vouchers for the same, and that the Supt. of the Farm pay all bills against the Farm by orders on the Town Treasurer, when they exceed $5.00, and once a month pay over all the cash he has received exceeding $5.00.

Respectfully,

A. T. MERRILL,

Auditor.

Topsfield, Mar. 1st. 1900.

TOWN TREASURER.

DR.

Receipts.

Cash in Town Treasury, March 1st, 1899,	$5,364 46
J. L. Fiske, Tax Collector, 1899,	10,245 00
Danvers Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Massachusetts Corporation Tax,	927 84
State Aid, Chap 301, Acts 1894,	829 50
S. D. Hood, Guardian, Deborah L. Osgood,	800 00
D. Oscar Nelson, Sales at Farm,	713 33
J. L. Fiske, Tax Collector, 1898,	432 17
Massachusetts School Fund,	355 52
National Bank Tax,	191 42
Mary T. Robinson, No. School House and Land,	185 00
Essex County Dog Tax, Returned,	136 53
B. P. Edwards, Account Chas. A. Foster,	126 75
David Pingree, South School Buildings,	105 00
Town Hall Committee, Rentals,	46 30
Town of Boxford, Tuition,	45 00
J. A. Blaisdell, Error Overseers Account,	37 00
W. Pitman Gould, Interest on Deposits,	29 81
George Curtis, Tuition, High School,	28 00
Mrs. Abram Welch, 3 Cow Rights,	24 00
Mary T. Robinson, No. School Out Buildings,	13 00
A. A. Conant, Bridge Plank,	12 50
J. B. Poor, Flag Staff, Stoves and Old Junk,	11 00
G. E. Hills, Out Buildings at East School House,	6 50
C. H. Leach, Grass on Common,	5 00
Memorial Committee, Unexpended Balance,	4 62
Cemetery Commissioners, Sale of Lots,	4 00
Unexpended Interest, Several Cemetery Funds,	3 27
Town Hall Comtee., Sale of Old Junk, Settees, etc.,	3 25
First District Court Fines,	2 63
George F. Averell, Old Bridge Plank,	2 00
B. P. Edwards, Sixth Class License,	1 00
F. H. Towne, Old Bridge Plank,	1 00
	$22,692 40

TOWN TREASURER.

CR.

Payments.

Schools,	$4,529 90	
Overseers of the Poor,	2,026 96	
Danvers Savings Bank,	2,000 00	
Highways,	1,357 78	
Removing Snow,	1,310 53	
State Aid, Chap. 301,	805 00	
Interest,	735 77	
County Tax,	627 22	
Town Officers,	617 50	
Caroline H. Towne, Note,	500 00	
Bridges,	477 43	
State Tax,	435 00	
Miscellaneous,	351 14	
Town Hall Committee,	350 77	
Soldiers' Relief,	226 25	
Cemeteries,	162 41	
School Books and Supplies,	143 89	
Public Library,	124 98	
Sidewalks,	97 73	
Fire Wards,	70 66	
Memorial Committee,	50 00	
Gravel,	43 40	
Police and Court Fees,	26 40	
Abatements,	20 00	
Concreting,	17 50	
Boxford and Ipswich Taxes,	3 55	
		$17,111 77
Cash Balance in Treasurer's hands, Mar. 1, 1900,		5,580 63
		$22,692 40

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.

Esther Towne, Notes,	$5,500 00	
Annah Pingree Fund,	5,000 00	
Estate Chas. Herrick, Notes,	3,000 00	
Mary S. Perkins, Notes,	1,700 00	
John H. Towne, Notes,	1,000 00	
Deborah Kimball Fund,	500 00	
South Side Cemetery Fund,	261 99	
Interest on Notes, Est. C. Herrick,	150 00	
Lake Cemetery Fund,	106 73	
Galloupe Cemetery Fund,	102 00	
		$17,320 72

Assets.

Cash in Town Treasury,	$5,580 63	
Due from Commonwealth, State Aid,	942 00	
" " Uncollected Taxes,	519 82	
" " Gloucester, Foss family,	221 78	
" " Danvers, Reuben Coffin,	71 50	
" " County ⅓ Val. Rd. survey, ⅓ McLeod Rd.	54 17	
" " N. McLeod, ⅓ Highway Construction,	31 66	
" " State, Indigent Soldier,	30 00	
" " " Inspector Cattle,	17 40	
" " J. H. Potter, Account Hearse,	8 00	
" " Town Hall, Rentals,	7 00	
" " Slaughter House License,	1 00	
		$7,484 96
Net Town Debt, March 1st, 1900,		$9,835 76

COMMISSIONERS OF CEMETERIES.

APPROPRIATION, $150 00.

Wm. H. Kneeland, labor,	$79 16	
H. M. Andrews, "	27 64	
E. H. Ferguson, "	24 24	
A. Welch, "	4 08	
Poor & Co., supplies,	3 35	
		$138 47

SOUTH SIDE CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

Amount in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 1, 1899,	$265 41	
Interest, 1899,	13 52	
		$278 93

CR.

Wm. H. Kneeland, labor,	$11 71	
E. H. Ferguson, "	4 23	
H. M. Andrews, "	1 00	
Balance on hand,	$261 99	
		$278 93

D. B. GALLOUPE CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

Amount in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 1, 1899,	$100 00	
Interest, 1899,	5 00	
		$105 00

CR.

Wm. H. Kneeland, labor,	$3 00	
Balance,	102 00	
		$105 00

A. W. LAKE CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

Amount in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 1, 1899,	$105 46	
Interest, 1899,	5 27	
		$110 73

CR.

Wm. H. Kneeland, labor,	$4 00	
Balance,	106 73	
		$110 73

Schedule of Town Property.

Town Hall,	$10,000 00
Town Library Funds,	9,571 90
Two School Houses, Land and Furniture,	7,500 00
Town Farm and Buildings,	4,500 00
Library and Furniture,	4,000 00
Personal Property at Town Farm,	1,874 06
Town Common,	1,000 00
Bare Hill Pasture,	1,000 00
Furniture,	800 00
Cemeteries,	800 00
Hearse House,	600 00
Hearse,	400 00
Town Clerk's Vault,	400 00
Books and Reports,	350 00
Real Estate in Boxford,	350 00
Carriage, Hooks, Ladders, etc.,	325 00
Clock,	300 00
School Books and Supplies,	300 00
Gravel Pits,	200 00
Truck House,	200 00
Fire Reservoir,	200 00
Road Machine,	200 00
Weights and Measures,	150 00
Real Estate in Ipswich,	50 00
Safe,	25 00
Snow Ploughs,	20 00
Town Pump,	20 00
Old Hearse House,	10 00
	$45,145 96

APPROPRIATIONS, 1900-1.

The following Appropriations are recommended by the Selectmen and the various Boards of Town Officers having the expenditure of money.

Schools,	$2,900 00
Overseers of the Poor,	1,700 00
Highways,	1,500 00
Interest,	1,000 00
Town Officers,	725 00
Snow,	600 00
School Books and Supplies,	300 00
Bridges,	250 00
Town Hall,	200 00
Cemeteries,	150 00
Sidewalks,	50 00
Concreting,	50 00
Memorial Committee,	50 00
	$9,475 00

LIST OF JURORS.

Following is a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen,

Geo. A. Frame,	Farmer,	B. C. Dodd,	Shoemaker,
Wm. M. Batchelder,	"	Charles G. Cotton,	Farmer,
Benj. Conant.	"	W. Pitman Gould,	Clerk,
Josiah P. Perkins,	"	Benj. Lane,	Shoe Mnfr.,
John W. Ray,	"	Horace Ray,	Carpenter,
Loring A. Rust,	"	B. A. Orne,	Paper Hanger,
A. W. Stevens,	Carpenter,	Eugene L. Wildes,	Farmer,
Hazen R. Wildes,	"	William Welch,	Carpenter.

GEO. FRS. DOW,
B. P. PIKE,
W. DONALDSON.
Selectmen of Topsfield.

1899.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Topsfield, in said County GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Topsfield, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

First.—To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.—B. P. Pike elected.

Second.—To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.—Wm. Perkins elected.

Third.—To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting, and act thereon.—All accepted.

Fourth.—To act on the subject of the revision of the jury box.—16 Jurors drawn, see p. 47.

Fifth.—Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating Liquors in the town the ensuing year; the ballots shall be "yes" or "no."—Voted as follows:—"yes" 22, "no" 56.

Sixth.—To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to pay demands against the town.—$2,000 00 hired.

Seventh.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.—See pages 2, 3 and 4 of this Report.

Eighth.—To raise and grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.—See p. 47.

Ninth.—To see if the Town will concrete sidewalks where the abutters will pay one half the expense of same, or pass any vote or votes in relation to the same.—$150 00 appropriated.

Tenth.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money of the observance of Memorial Day.—$50 00 appropriated.

Eleventh.—To see what action the Town will take to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.—Passed over.

TWELFTH.—To see if the Town will take any action relating to the observance in 1900 of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town and pass any vote or votes relating thereto.—Committee of 12 appointed.

THIRTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to sell or remove any or all of the unoccupied school houses, and pass any vote or votes in relation to the same.—Voted to sell.

FOURTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to insure the buildings on the Town Farm.—Voted to insure.

FIFTEENTH.—To see if the Town will purchase land adjoining to Cram's gravel pit, so called, and pass any vote or votes in relation to same.—$100 00 appropriated.

SIXTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to build a highway from High street, across the land of Mrs. Hodges to Central street, thence across land of Miss Osgood, and Mrs. Kimball, to the railroad station on Park street, providing Mrs. Hodges will give the land required extending from High street to Central street for said road, the road to be begun within one year. On petition of A. L. Peirce, and twenty-five others.—Passed over.

SEVENTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to remove the tramp house from the Town Farm to the Common, near the Town Hall, or to some other suitable place in the village. On petition of O. E. Lake, and thirteen others.—Passed over.

EIGHTEENTH.—To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the Election Act of 1893, and subsequent amendment known as the Australian Ballot Law, and pass any vote or votes relating thereto. On petition of E. E. Ferguson, and thirty others.—Committee of 5 appointed.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Post-Office, and one at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

BAXTER P. PIKE,
W. DONALDSON,
GEO. F. DOW,
Selectmen of Topsfield.

A true copy,
ATTEST:

J. L. FISKE, *Constable.*

Report of the Trustees of the Town Library.

The year now come to a close has been one of progress in the history of the Town Library. The number of persons to whom books have been issued has not been exceeded in any year since the library was established. The whole number of volumes issued for home use was 6,082, which is above the average of previous years.

Interest in the reading room has likewise been maintained. More than the average number have improved its advantages the past year. A dozen and more of the leading magazines are found upon the tables.

The reading public have shown commendable improvement in the selection of works in the different departments of literature, and have not been confined so much to the lighter forms of reading.

The Library now numbers upwards of eight thousand volumes. The shelf room required from year to year for the annual increase is fast being taken up, and the fact is suggestive that before many years enlarged accommodations will be needed. A new library building would be most welcome.

READING ROOM.

No. of times open,	143
Average attendance,	15
Largest attendance,	30

List of Magazines and Periodicals on Reading Room table:

Century Magazine,
New England Magazine,
McClure's Magazine,
Cosmopolitan Magazine,
Outing Magazine,
Puck,
Illustrated London News,
Scribner's Magazine,
Review of Reviews,
Harper's Monthly,
St. Nicholas,
Forum,
Harper's Weekly,
Essex Antiquarian.

CIRCULATION.

No. of times the Library was open,	143
No. of volumes delivered for home use,	6,082
No. of volumes delivered for school use,	71
Average delivery of books,	42
No. of persons receiving books,	312

Per Cent. of Circulation.

Fiction,	73.8
Magazines,	5.9
Travels,	5.2
Miscellaneous,	4.8
History,	4.3
Biography,	2.4
Agriculture,	1.9
Poetry,	1.5
McLoud Library,	.2
	100.0

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the Library, March 1, 1899,		7,678
Volumes added by purchase,	279	
Volumes added by gift,	20	
Volumes bound from Reading Table,	24	
Total number added,	323	
Returned, previously reported missing,	8	
Net Gain,		331
Number of volumes in Library, March 1, 1900,		8,009

Number of pamphlets in Library, March, 1, 1899,	1,860	
Number of pamphlets added,	114	
Total No. pamphlets in Library, Mar. 1, 1900,		1,974

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1, 1899,	To balance from last report,	110 34	
" 1900,	Interest on $5,000 00, 4½ per cent,	225 00	
" " "	$4,522 07, "	203 49	
" "	Town Appropriation,	75 00	
" "	Fines,	5 70	
			$619 53

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 1, 1900,	Damrell & Upham, Books,	295 17	
" "	Essex Inst. and other's, Books,	85 71	
" "	Binding Period., and Rebinding,	103 87	
" "	Library Supplies,	7 30	
" "	Librarian,	75 00	
" "	Express,	2 65	
" "	Balance on hand,	49 83	
			$619 53

ASSETS.

Moses Wildes Legacy,	$5,000 00
D. Galloupe Legacy,	3,022 07
S. A. Merriam Legacy,	1,000 00
Cash on Deposit,	500 00
5 Shares Atchison Stock,	
Volumes in Library,	
Reading Room Furniture,	

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN ALLEN,
A. A. CONANT,
J. B. POOR,
E. W. HUTCHINGS,
B. P. EDWARDS,
A. M. DODGE,
Library Trustees.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Name of Donor.	Bound Books.	Phamphlets and Unbound Books.
Abbot Public Library, Marblehead,		1
Bureau of American Republics,		1
Commissioner of Education,	2	
Civil Service Commission,	1	
Commissioner of Agriculture,		1
Caldwell, Austin,		15
Consolidation Coal Co.,		1
Essex Institute, Salem,		1
Interstate Commerce Commission,	1	
Independent Press, Ipswich,		1
Lowel Textile School,		1
Mass. Institute of Technology,		2
Mass. Agricultural College,		1
Mass. Total Abstinence Society,		2
Mass. Vol. Aid Society,	1	
Melville, Geo. W.,		1
Peabody Institute, Danvers,		1
Putnam, Eben,		1
Syracuse, N. Y. Central Library,		2
State Library,	1	
Sec't. of the Commonwealth,	7	
Smithsonian Institution,	3	2
Salem Public Library,		1
Swan, Robert T.,		1
Smiley, Albert K.,		1
Trustees of Public Reservations,		2
Trustees of Soldiers Home, Chelsea,		2
Town of Hamilton,		1
Town of Middleton,		1
Tabor Academy,		1
U. S. National Museum,	3	
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,		17
U. S. Dept. of the Interior,		52
Youth's Companion,		1
Wadlin, Horace G.,	1	
	20	114

1900.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Topsfield, in said County GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Topsfield, on Monday the fifth day of March, 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

First.—To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second.—To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Third.—To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting, and act thereon.

Fourth.—To act on the subject of the revision of the jury box.

Fifth.—Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating Liquors in the town the ensuing year; the ballots shall be "yes" or "no."

Sixth.—To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money to pay demands against the town.

Seventh.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Eighth.—To raise and grant such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Ninth.—To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to arrange a union with any of the following towns, Boxford, Essex, Hamilton, Lynfield, Middleton, Newbury, Salisbury, Wenham, or any other town or towns, for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of schools, under the provisions of Chapter 466, of the Acts of 1898, and subsequent amendments.

Tenth.—To see if the town will give the use of the lower Town Hall, two evenings of each week, to the Topsfield Young Men's Association, for a Gymnasium.

ELEVENTH.—To see if the town will erect 25 Lamp Posts and Lamps through the town, providing persons living near them will meet the expense of running them, and pass any vote or votes in relation to the same. On petition of Geo. E. Hills and eleven others.

TWELFTH.—To see if the town will vote to reduce the number of School Committee from 6 to 3, and pass any vote in relation to the same. On petition of L. W. Wildes and seven others.

THIRTEENTH.—To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used in repairing the front wall of the tomb in Pine Grove Cemetery.

FOURTEENTH.—To act upon the report of the Committee on the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the town and to make such appropriations as may be deemed necessary for said celebration.

FIFTEENTH.—To see if the Town will concrete sidewalks where the abutters will pay one half the expense of same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

SIXTEENTH.—To see if the town will elect a Committee to establish a Town Seal, in accordance with Chapter 256, of the Acts of 1899, and pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

SEVENTEENTH.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

EIGHTEENTH.—To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the Election Act of 1893, and subsequent amendments, known as the Australian Ballot Law, and pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Post-Office, and one at each of the Public Meeting Houses in the said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred.

GEO. F. DOW,
BAXTER P. PIKE,
W. DONALDSON,

Selectmen of Topsfield.

A true copy,
ATTEST:

J. L. FISKE, *Constable.*

REPORT OF

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to investigate the Australian Ballot System as applied to town elections, present the following report:

We secured from the State department a list of towns using the system, comprising at the present time, nearly one half of the whole number. Selecting from the list, twenty-five towns, about the size of Topsfield, we sent to the Selectmen of each town a circular of questions, with stamped envelope for reply. We received eighteen answers, which substantially agree in the opinion that the advantages arising from its use are many and decisive. Among reasons given are, "A more independent vote;" "A poor man does not ride into office on the shoulders of a good man;" "We could not get a vote to return to the old way;" "The vote is increased by the system;" "Much time is saved, small cliques do not spring traps on the town and choose poor men."

In the entire list but one man is opposed to the system, personally, and he says the town is in favor of it. Of the two methods of selecting candidates, namely, Caucuses and Nomination papers, the preference is given to papers as more quiet and tending less to party lines. The expense to the town is increased, the probable cost will be from $25 to $50 per year. As an offset the voters do not have to pay for ballots as at present. We understand that the annual meeting will take two days by the Australian system. We learn of no marked increase in the vote from towns using the new method, except on the liquor vote; which is reported as increased in the total number of votes, but with no evidence of a positive gain on either side of the question. Your committee recommend the use of Nomination papers as preferable to the Caucus. In addition to the officers required to be chosen by ballot, we recommend that a Tree Warden be so chosen and his duties and compensation be fixed, so far as they are a matter for town action. We also suggest that if the town shall change from the present highway surveyor system to a plan by which the care of the roads are vested in three men, or less than that number, that such board be chosen by ballot. We further recommend that after the Australian ballot is adopted it shall require a two thirds vote of all voters present at a meeting called under the requirements of the Statute to revoke such adoption. As a help to the understanding of the whole matter we submit the following plan:—

The annual meeting shall be called at 9 o'clock and choose a Moderator, then all reports of town officers and committees shall be heard in due order, also minor officers may be chosen if there shall be time before eleven o'clock, at which hour the polls shall open and remain open at least four hours; then after counting and declaring the vote the meeting shall adjourn for one week, to such an hour as the town may choose. At the adjourned meeting all remaining officers, if any, shall be chosen and then the remaining articles of the warrant shall be taken up in rotation; and no article shall be acted on out of due course, except by two thirds vote of the meeting.

This plan is the result of study of all facts we have been able to gain. We feel that the experience of the towns we have referred to, with enquiries made personally, by members of the committee, in Ipswich and Danvers, show the great advantage of adopting the system. We add to our report an abstract of the laws applying to the use of the Australian ballot in town elections:—

"Officers to be elected by ballot:—Town Clerk; Selectmen; Assessors; Overseers of the Poor; Town Treasurer; Auditor; Collector of Taxes; Constables; Board of Health; School Committee. The election of all other town officers may be by ballot, if the town so orders.

When the above list of officers are voted for on one ballot, all such ballots shall, after counting, be preserved and sealed up by the moderator in public meeting.

A town may at a meeting called for the purpose, vote that official ballots shall thereafter be used therein.

In town elections, at which official ballots are used, nominations for town officers elected by ballot shall be made, ballots and other apparatus provided therefore by the town clerk. The town voting to use official ballots, shall, at the same meeting, determine what other officers, in addition to those required to be so elected, shall thereafter be chosen, and determine the number and term of office, and no change shall thereafter be made, unless at a meeting, held at least thirty days before the annual meeting, at which it is to take effect.

The names of candidates for every town office shall be arranged under the designation of the office in alphabetical order, according to the surnames; but the names of candidates for the same office—but for different terms of service therein—shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their respective terms.

When ballots are prepared by the town clerk, not less than sixty ballots for every fifty voters and fraction thereof shall be provided.

Town clerks in towns, using official ballots, shall, at least four days before an election, cause to be posted, the names of all candidates duly nominated and to be voted for.

In towns, at the election of town officers, the polls shall be kept open at least four hours.

Nominations of candidates for offices to be filled at the town election may be made by nomination papers, signed by, in no case less than twenty voters.

Every nomination paper shall, before being filed, be submitted to the registrars, who shall certify thereon the number of signatures, which are names of qualified voters in the town.

One of the signers to each nomination paper shall make oath to the truth of the statements therein.

Certificates of nomination and nomination papers shall be filed with the town clerk. No nomination paper shall be valid unless the written acceptance of the candidate thereby nominated shall be filed therewith.

Nomination papers shall be filed on or before the Monday preceding the day of election and not less than 7 days before such election, before five o'clock in the afternoon of the last day fixed for the filing thereof. No voter shall sign more than one Nomination paper for the same office, he may however, sign one paper for each of several members of a board of officers."

These are the prominent requirements of the law, we insert them for convenience of reference.

CHARLES J. PEABODY,
A. B. RICHARDSON,
BENJAMIN LANE,
ISAAC B. YOUNG.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CELEBRATION OF 250th ANNIVERSARY.

The Committee appointed to propose a plan for the observance of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Topsfield report the following recommendations:—

I. That the celebration be held during the month of August.

II. That a historical sermon be delivered in the Congregational Church on the Sunday next preceding the day of the celebration.

III. That bonfires on the hills be lighted at 8 o'clock, on the evening preceding the day of the anniversary.

IV. That the church and school bells be rung at sunrise.

V. That a military, civic and trades procession be one of the features of the day.

VI. That historical and literary exercises be held on the Centre School grounds.

VII. That dinner be served in a tent located on the Common and short speeches made, interspersed with music. Dinner tickets to be provided for invited guests and sold to others at one dollar each.

VIII. That athletic games and sports be held on the Common beginning at 2, P. M.

IX. That a band concert be given on the Common at 4, P. M. and 8, P. M.

X. That a reception or ball be given in the Town Hall in the evening.

XI. That the town appropriate the sum of $500 00 and an additional amount be raised by subscription.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH B. POOR,
BENJ. P. EDWARDS,
CHAS. J. PEABODY,
ALBERT A. CONANT,
J. ARTHUR LAMSON,
ALBERT M. DODGE,
BAXTER P. PIKE,
HENRY H. ROBERTS,
A. T. MERRILL, *Secretary*.

Town of Topsfield.

Annual Report

of the

School Committee,

For the Year Ending

Jan. 27, 1900.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The past year has brought about several important changes in the public schools of the town, perhaps the most marked being the erection of a two story addition in the rear of the Centre School building, 25 x 26 feet in size, at a total cost to the town of $1,148 76, which includes heating and furnishing. The additional room thus acquired has supplied the High School with a new class or recitation room 12 x 25 feet in size, which has been fitted with desks formerly used at the South School house; also, a laboratory 12 x 25 feet in size to be used for physical and chemical study and experiment and which has been equipped with proper benches, shelves and sinks. The High School ante-room heretofore divided by partition and used for both class and cloak rooms, has been restored to its intended use and seems ample for future needs.

The primary grades having received large accessions, it has been found necessary to relieve the over-crowded condition by opening another school and the lower floor in the addition has been utilized for that purpose, in which have been placed the two first grades or first primary. It is an ideal school-room for young children, it having a southern exposure, with large windows on three sides.

Several changes in our corps of teachers have been made during the past year, Miss Lizzie A. Poore and Miss Genie C. Fuller both declining re-election at the end of the spring term. These young ladies have taught in our schools for several years, and the best wishes of the committee and of the town will follow them into their changed walks in life.

It seemed advisable when electing teachers to fill vacancies to give preference to those who had been graduated from our schools, and after successful training in the State Normal School at Salem, had sought opportunity to enter anew into the school life of the town. Accordingly Miss Helen Poor, Miss Charlotte A. Peabody and Miss Violet R. Dodge were respectively placed in charge of the Intermediate and the Second and First Primary Schools. As experience has been gained by these young ladies there has been

shown a marked development and improvement in the results looked for by the committee. Good work is being done at the present time and still better work is expected as the school year draws to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon O. Glover have remained in charge of the High School and continue to render excellent and conscientious work. The marked improvement in scholarship shown by this school during the past two years is a matter of pride to your committee. Excellent discipline now prevails. At the present time the town of Boxford has six students enrolled in the school from which the town annually receives the sum of $90 00 for tuition.

Miss Packard's work in the Grammar School cannot be too highly commended. Her discipline is of the best and the *esprit de corps* shown by the school gives evidence of an excellent record when more advanced work is reached.

The Intermediate School has covered the usual amount of work expected, and no scholar has failed to show a manifest improvement in the various studies since the school has been placed in charge of a new teacher.

Excellent language and number work has been done in the third and fourth grades. The separation of the so-called primary grades into two schools has had a marked effect in the results attained by the scholars. More time can now be devoted to each pupil.

The first two grades are naturally rudimentary and kindergarten methods add greatly to the effectiveness of the work. The results attained by the new school under its new teacher are very satisfactory to the committee.

Musical instruction in the schools has been in charge of Miss Genie C. Fuller as in former years, and the usual progress has been made. Her report will be found appended.

The transportation of scholars continues to work very satisfactorily; a large increase in the number coming from the South District rendered it necessary that increased transportation facilities should be provided for, and acting in the interest of the town a barge was purchased for the sum of $125 00 which gives ample seating capacity and protection from the weather.

By vote of the town two of the outlying school houses and

outbuildings have been sold, the town receiving therefor the sum of $320 50. A sufficient bid for the East School House not having been received it yet remains unsold.

No report of the work of this committee for the past year could be complete without an expression of appreciation of the value of the painstaking and interested work in the schools performed by Rev. Francis A. Poole, who resigned from this committee in July, on removing from town. He possessed the confidence and esteem of every member of the Board, and our regrets and good wishes have followed him to his new sphere of labor.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the School Committee, Mr. Charles J. Peabody was elected to fill the vacancy existing, until the next annual town meeting.

Mr. Benj. P. Edwards, who has served the town on this committee for a number of years and rendered most valuable service, to our great regret filed his resignation Nov. 25, 1899. As so short a time remained before the annual town meeting no election to fill the vacancy was made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POOR,
W. DONALDSON,
GEO. F. DOW,
T. L. JENKINS,
C. J. PEABODY,
School Committee of Topsfield.

Report of the Music Teacher.

To the School Committee,

Topsfield Mass.

In compliance with your request, I will speak very briefly of the music in our schools. Without doubt a greater interest and enjoyment is manifest at the present time than before. Great, indeed, is the privilege of teaching and studying music and how great is the influence for good afforded the children in our public schools. It is certainly a good foundation for those who in after years intend to study music. The methods of today are such that unconsciously

the pupils find themselves able to pick out their own songs and exercises regardless of the key: as the different keys are as natural as the key of C. Singing is a very healthy exercise as it expands the lungs. Throaty tones are guarded against and a pure pleasant tone sought for. Sight singing is excellent mental training; then we have the folk songs so helpful in history. We have about two dozen books and two charts for the four schools. A great deal of the work has to be put upon the blackboard: which delays to a certain extent. Knowing this, may we not have a few more books and extend our efforts to the worthy High School. During the present year, work has been left each week with the teachers who have agreeably co-operated and thus made many things possible which otherwise must have remained unaccomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 19, 1900. GENIE FULLER KIMBALL.

GRADUATES FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL JUNE 9, 1899.

Elizabeth Ferguson,	Harry E. Lake,
Grace L. Gould,	William T. Leach,
Harry Chandler,	Lyndon S. Perkins.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF TOPSFIELD,

Gentlemen:—

Since a year ago, what was then by far the greatest need of the high school has been supplied. With its new recitation room and laboratory, the school now has ample and suitable accommodations. This most important requirement for successful work being met, it remains only to make gradual additions to the equipment of the school in the way of apparatus and books. Even now there is apparatus enough so that profitable work in science can be done. But as fast as there is money available, there should be added many small duplicate pieces of apparatus to secure individual laboratory work, and a number of more expensive pieces to illustrate certain of the laws of Physics. Also, while the

full resources of the town library have been generously open to us the same as last year, many books which are not in that library are needed for use in the study of English and history.

We have so far this year asked for very little expenditure in these directions, on account of the unusual expense to the town in providing additional room. You will doubtless wish to know from time to time in the future what is now needed to make the school as efficient as it may be.

That the laboratory has been found of very great value need hardly be said. Almost everything taught so far in the courses in Physics and Chemistry has been by experiments, performed in most cases by the pupils. Besides being the only effective way of teaching these sciences, these experiments have also been made a means of constant training in English; a carefully written description of each experiment is required, the errors in which are marked, and then the account, corrected as to subject matter and English by the pupil, is rewritten in a neatly kept notebook.

The method of using several books instead of one text-book in teaching general history has been tried this year with good results; the number of suitable books now available is, however, very small, and it is hoped that you may think it advisable to expend a moderate amount in this direction.

It is desirable to change some of the text-books now used; but, as by giving work outside the book in some cases, the present ones are fairly serviceable, it has seemed best to wait a while before asking you to make changes.

Our pupils have in general shown a disposition to use well their opportunities. Most of those in the lower or middle classes now spend some time in study at home, and lessons are assigned with a view to their so doing. A considerable amount of outside work must thus be done, if as much ground is to be covered as should be in a high school course. It seems to us that scholars of high school age ought to make studying their main interest during the weeks when school is in session.

Thanking you for your courtesy and your interest in our work, I am

Respectfully yours,

LEON O. GLOVER.

TOPSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

Graduating Exercises, Class of '99.

June 20, 1899.

Piano Duet, *Misses Ferguson and Welch.*

Invocation, *Rev. I. M. Mellish.*

chorus.

Salutatory, *Mary Ellen Ellard.*

Essay, "The Old Time District School," *Pauline Milson Dodge.*

Class History, *LeRoy Lynwood Smerage.*

Reading, "The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia," *Edna Ellen Welch.*

chorus.

Debate, "*Resolved*, That the United States Ought not to Hold the Philippine Islands as Permanent Possions," *Affirmative, Thomas Allen Pierce.* *Negative, Roy Francis Frame.*

Reading, "The Life Boat," *Agnes Gertrude Ferguson.*

chorus.

Class Prophecy, *Bessie Blanch Perkins.*

Valedictory, *Elsie Belle Frame.*

Address, "The Investment of Character," *Rev. Albert W. Hitchcock.*

Presentation of Diplomas, *Rev. F. A. Poole.*

chorus.

Benediction, *Rev. F. A. Poole.*

Class Motto, *Per Aspera ad Astra.*

TOPSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

ALUMNI.

1897.

Annie Marguerite Collins, Violetta Rosa Dodge, Anne Hathaway Edwards, Grace Garfield Peabody, Helen Poor.

1898.

Bertha Ethel Benton, George Clinton Donaldson, Adeline Marsh Dow, Alice Emily Perkins, Marion Huntington Todd, Marie Leach Woodbury.

1899.

Pauline Milson Dodge, Mary Ellen Ellard, Agnes Gertrude Ferguson, Elsie Belle Frame, Roy Francis Frame, Bessie Blanche Perkins, Thomas Allen Pierce, LeRoy Lynwood Smerage, Edna Ellen Welch.

School Statistics.

Membership and Attendance.

Sept. 5, 1899, to Jan. 27, 1900.

	Membership.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Daily Attendance. per cent.
High School,	35	34.06	31.90	92.19
Grammar,	28	26.10	24.57	94.13
Intermediate,	29	25.50	22.96	90.
2nd. Primary,	37	34.56	32.48	93.98
1st. Primary,	28	26.49	22.73	85.76

Number of children in Town on the first day of May, 1899, between 5 and 15 years of age, 159.

Teachers.	School.	Salary	No. Weeks.	No. Enrolled.	No. bet. 5-15.	No. bet. 8-14.	No. under 5.	No. over 15.	No. Visitors.
Leon O. Glover, Prin.,	High,	$760	40	35	6	2	0	26	24
Mrs. L. O. Glover,	High,	400	40						
Alice M. Packard,	Grammar,	360	36	29	25	17	0	3	27
Helen Poor,	Intermediate,	270	36	31	31	31	0	0	36
Charlotte A. Peabody	Second Prim.,	270	36	38	38	10	0	0	54
Violet R. Dodge,	First Primary,	270	36	28	26	1	2	0	64
Genie C. Fuller,	Music,	108	36						
Totals,				161	126	61	2	29	205

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation, Schools,	$2,700 00
Town Appropriation, Books and Supplies,	300 00
Mass. School Fund,	355 52
Dog Taxes,	136 53
Tuition, Boxford Scholars,	73 00
	$3,565 05

EXPENDITURES.

Schools, as per Auditor's account,	$3,525 03

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Addition to Centre School House,		$1,148 76

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation,*	$500 00	
School Houses sold,	320 50	
		$820 50
Amount to be raised by taxations in 1900,		$328 26

*The town appropriated $1,000 00 and voted to raise $500 00 in 1899 and $500 00 in 1900.

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